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ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON VERDUN FRONT

German Detachment Recon-
noitring in Haudremont Wood
Checked by French

GUNS OF BOTH SIDES BUSY IN THE WOEVRE

German Party Tried to Ap-
proach Trenches in Prétre
Wood; Repulsed

Paris, March 14.—Last night saw a
continuation of the artillery activity on
the Verdun front. West of the Meuse
the cannonading was fairly violent and
a reconnaissance on the part of the
Germans in the wood of Haudremont
was checked by the French, according
to official announcement made here
this afternoon. There was severe can-
nonading near Vaux and also in the
Woivre district.

In the wood of Le Prétre a German
detachment advancing on a French
was driven back.

Spirited Cannonading.

The text of the statement follows:
"West of the Meuse there was spirited
cannonading last night. On the right
bank of the stream a strong reconnais-
sance in the wood of Haudremont was
checked by our curtain of fire. The
bombardment continues violently in
the region of Vaux and near Damou-
p.

"In the Woivre district both the
French and the German artillery have
been active, particularly in the sector
of Elk, but otherwise there is nothing
of importance to report in this section.
"In the forest of Le Prétre, a detach-
ment of Germans which endeavored to
surprise our trenches at Croix-des-
Carmes was repulsed by a fusillade
and compelled to disperse, leaving sev-
eral dead on the field and the remain-
der of the front."

German Statement.

Berlin, March 14.—No important de-
velopments along the western front are
reported in the official communica-
tion issued to-day. The text follows:

"Generally speaking there was no
change. A small engagement near
Wiltje, northeast of Ypres, ended in
the British being driven back."

"A British aeroplane was shot down
by Lieut. Immelman east of Arras
and one west of Bapaume. The oc-
cupants were dead. Lieut. Boelke
brought down two enemy aeroplanes
which fell behind the French lines at
Fort Marre and near Malancourt,
northwest of Verdun. The latter was
destroyed by our artillery. By these
achievements the officers have put
hors du combat their tenth and
eleventh enemy aeroplanes respective-
ly."

"A British biplane was compelled to
land west of Cambria, after an aerial
fight. Its occupants were captured."

MUST CONTINUE TO THROW LIVES AWAY

French Experts Agree Ger-
mans Must Go on in
Desperation

London, March 14.—The Paris cor-
respondent of the Daily Mail, attribut-
ing the recent lull in the fighting
about Verdun, to the huge losses suf-
fered by the Germans, says:

"The ferocious struggle of the last
week has broken the Kaiser's troops so
terribly that whole branches have
practically ceased to exist. The 7th
and 22nd divisions, which bore the
brunt of repeated attacks at Bethin-
court and Goose Hill, were handled the
most severely and probably need sev-
eral days of rest. It is quite possible
that, like the 11th reserve division,
they will have to be replaced. The
3rd army corps suffered so severely
that the few who came out of the fight
have been sent to the rear. The 13th
corps and a Bavarian division lost
whole battalions. It is doubtful if
either can do any further fighting
without substantial reinforcements."

Ammunition Problem.

"The German artillery needs ammu-
nition. The survivors of the troops
need re-equipment. Most of the ma-
terial comes from Metz. The military
stations at Metz and Sablon have
been bombarded persistently by French
artillery and considerable damage and
delay have been caused."

"To-day the military critics agree,
stating that the German crown prince,
having made such a stupendous effort
at Verdun, must continue the struggle
on the same terrible plan."

"The fascination of Verdun, the cap-
ture of which has so long dangled be-
fore the eyes of the German people,
still rivets the Kaiser's son on the
banks of the Meuse, and he is now pre-
paring his third and most desperate
assault."

THE LINE IN VERDUN REGION AS IT NOW IS



BATTLE LINE: ARROWS indicate main points
of German attack and show plan of enveloping
movement around Verdun.

RIOTS ALMOST EVERY DAY IN COLOGNE

Great Number of Trains of
Wounded Cause of
Outbursts

London, March 14.—Reports continue
to be published here of the rioting in
German cities consequent upon the
failure of the crown prince's army be-
fore Verdun.

The Daily Express prints a dispatch
from Amsterdam to the effect that
riots of the most serious character
have been taking place almost daily
in Cologne since the beginning of the
Verdun offensive, and that police and
troops have been called upon to keep
order.

The reason for the trouble is said to
be popular indignation caused by the
continued passage of wounded in trains
from France. This is telling on the
nerves of the Cologne people. For a
fortnight past the trains have been
running constantly in such numbers
that it has been impossible to confine
their passage to the nights.

NAMES COMMITTEE ON PENSION SCALE

Borden Moves Toward Re-
vision; Registration in Mil-
itary Division No. 4

Ottawa, March 14.—Sir Robert Bor-
den announced this afternoon the ap-
pointment of a select committee of
the House of Commons to investigate
the whole question of a revision of the
pensions at present in force, together
with the question of forming a per-
manent pension board. The commit-
tee consists of the following: Hon. J.
D. Hazen, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux,
Hon. Frank Oliver, R. F. Green, Koot-
enay, E. M. Macdonald, Pictou, Claude
Macdonell, Toronto, and Stewart
Scott, South Waterloo.

Registration in No. 4.

Montreal, March 14.—A general re-
gistration throughout Military Divi-
sion No. 4 is to be carried out as the
result of a meeting between the spe-
cial committee of the Citizens' Recruit-
ing Association and the chief officers
of the Montreal garrison, which took
place at noon to-day. Employers of
labor will be requested to furnish a
complete list of names of all em-
ployees who are physically fit and
available for overseas service. This
means practically that there will be
a registration of all men between the
ages of 18 and 45 years of age in
Military Division No. 4.

FRENCH CONTROL AIR OVER VERDUN REGION

Paris, March 14.—The French con-
trol the air over the region of Verdun.
The flights of the past few days prove
indisputably that the advantage lies
with the French aviators. Owing to
the improved weather conditions the
airmen of both sides are unusually
active.

TURKISH LEGATION IN ATHENS DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT ENVER

Athens, March 13.—The Turkish
legation, which hitherto has denied
absolutely the reports which have
been circulated concerning the as-
sassination of Enver Pasha, Turkish
minister of war, made this announce-
ment to-day.

"We have no official advices con-
cerning Enver Pasha."

STATES OF GERMANY ARE DISSATISFIED

Foreign Affairs Committee of
Federated States to Meet
To-morrow

Amsterdam, March 14.—German
newspapers say that Chancellor von
Bethmann-Hollweg has returned from
general headquarters. His return is in
connection with the illness of Admiral
von Tirpitz, the minister of marine,
which the papers say has created an
unusual sensation.

The committee on foreign affairs of
the German federal states is to meet
to-morrow under the presidency of the
Bavarian premier. Neither the
chancellor nor Prussia is represented
on this committee, which meets occa-
sionally as a sort of control board of
the foreign affairs of Germany. George
Bernhard says in the Vossische Zeit-
ung that the decision to hold a meet-
ing of the committee is regarded as a
sign that the German states are dis-
satisfied with the present condition of
affairs in respect to the war. He adds
that the committee desires a confer-
ence with the chancellor on pending
questions, including disputes with the
United States.

Bernhard declares the nation is be-
ing kept in the dark and takes the po-
sition that the government's silence
must be broken.

TAGEBLATT EXPECTS A DECLARATION OF WAR BY ITALY SOON

London, March 14.—The Berliner
Tageblatt intimates that a declaration
of war against Germany by Italy is
imminent.

GERMANS FAILED TO DAMAGE PEMBROKE PLANT

Pembroke, Ont., March 14.—Ernest
Barthachar and Arthur Zeinker were
taken from a train at Carleton Place
on suspicion of having been implicated
in an attempt to damage a local mu-
nitions plant on Sunday night. They
were arraigned before Magistrate
Stewart by the military authorities and
remanded till March 21.

Barthachar has been identified by the
guard who fired at him as one of the
men discovered trying to get into the
premises of the plant. They were
carrying grips and masks but escaped
after a chase. They both have ad-
mitted they are Germans.

THE PROHIBITION QUESTION AT OTTAWA

Action of Some Sort Looked
for Following Decision
in Manitoba

Ottawa, March 14.—The decisive na-
ture of the prohibition victory in Man-
itoba yesterday is believed here to
make it practically certain that par-
liament will take some definite action
in regard to the liquor problem. It is
improbable, however, that H. H.
Stevens's resolution calling for Domini-
on-wide prohibition during the period
of the war will be adopted as it
stands.

The alternative proposal, that an
amendment should be adopted pro-
hibiting the importation of liquor into
provinces which have abolished the
traffic, met with considerable opposi-
tion in the Conservative caucus to-day.
Those who favor government action
say that the vote in Manitoba will have
the effect of strengthening the posi-
tion of those who favor action along
these lines by parliament. The pro-
posal to deal with the importation of
liquor into dry provinces, it is believed,
would secure a majority vote in the
Commons, although there are a num-
ber of members on both sides who
would refuse to vote for it. There is
practically no expectation that parlia-
ment, by adopting Mr. Stevens's resolu-
tion, will impose prohibition upon
provinces which have not abolished the
liquor trade by referendum or other-
wise.

There will be another Conservative
caucus next week when the ministerial
side will decide definitely on the scope
of the amendment to the Stevens's res-
olution to be moved by a Conservative
when the debate is resumed in the
House of Commons.

GARRISON CLUB DOES NOT WANT LAVERGNE

Quebec Body Decides to Ask
for Resignation of
Nationalist

Quebec, March 14.—At a general
meeting last night of the Garrison
Club, consideration was given a motion
directing the executive committee to
request the resignation within ten days
of Armand Lavergne, or, if this should
not be forthcoming, at the end of that
period, that he be expelled from the
club. The motion was carried by a
vote of 19 to 4. The motion was the
result of the Nationalist's speeches in
the legislative assembly of Quebec on
Canada's participation in the war.

A warm debate preceded the vote,
during which several members spoke
who considered the motion too severe.
Their views received little sympathy.
Mr. Lavergne stated last night, after
learning the result, that he would take
out an injunction to restrain the club
from carrying out its project.

NOT IN USUAL GOOD HEALTH; MR. ASQUITH



London, March 14.—An official bul-
letin has been issued stating that Mr.
Asquith is suffering from bronchial
catarrh.

FINAL DESPERATE EFFORT EXPECTED

Believed Germans Will Throw
Away Thousands More
at Verdun

THE TITANIC DUEL OF THE GREAT GUNS

Paris, March 14.—Thousands of guns
are still engaged to-day on the 50-mile
curving front around Verdun. Every
available German piece is being
brought to bear against the great
fortress, against which for 23 days the
Germans have been launching their de-
spairing attempts. The French reply
supplied with shells are replying gun
for gun.

Kaiser Wilhelm has returned to the
front for what he thinks will be the
final and greatest German effort
against Verdun, which, it is expected,
will be made within the next 48 hours.
It is stated that 100,000 additional
troops, including the imperial guard,
the elite of the German army, have
arrived behind the German front for
a final desperate effort. The last lines
include new reserves of the class of
1916, many of whom are youths of 20.
The infantry of both armies are bur-
rowed deep in their shelter trenches to
escape the effects of the great bom-
bardment. For miles around the ground
has been plowed and furrowed by the
hurricane of steel. Verdun itself is a
collection of shattered buildings and
the debris of homes. Forests have
been reduced to splinters and hills
swept away. It is the hope of the Ger-
mans to be able to spray the French
defences with such a storm of steel
that wide breaches will be cut for the
infantry when the moment of assault
comes.

Towns Destroyed.

Four towns have vanished from the
map before the fire of the guns. In
Bras, Damoupe, Eix and Moulinville,
north and east of Verdun, not a whole
building stands. Hardly a stone re-
mains upon a stone.

The report issued last night by the
war office stated that yesterday the
bombardment had attained its great-
est intensity in the region west of the
Meuse, at Le Mort Homme and Bois
Bouras. The French batteries, reply-
ing did great execution among German
forces assembling between Forges and
the Corbeaux wood. The Germans hold
on some of their advanced positions in
this region, it is stated, has been weak-
ened by the furious French fire.

The weather is ideal for observations
and the aviators and gunners of both
armies are collaborating in a great ef-
fort.

The military experts here express the
utmost confidence in the result at
Verdun.

"It is now evident that a great Ger-
man defeat at Verdun is certain,"
writes Joseph Reinach, official historian
of the war. "The Germans will never
get the fortress."

Estimates of the German losses thus
far in the fighting about Verdun place
them at not fewer than 200,000. The
French casualties are said to have been
about 40,000.

LOOMIS AND TUXFORD, OF CANADIAN FORCES, MADE BRIG.-GENERALS

London, March 14.—Col. F. O. W.
Loomis, 15th Battalion, and Col. G. G.
Tuxford, C. M. G., 8th Battalion, have
been appointed brigadier-generals.

Major Duffin has been appointed
chief supply officer of the army ser-
vice corps at Shorncliffe, vice-Major
McGillivray, who has gone to France.
Col. Burland, commandant of the
Canadian Military School, is spending
two weeks on sick leave in the south
of France.

TERM OF LEGISLATURE APPARENTLY EXPIRED BY CONSTITUTION ACT

Amendment of 1913 Calls For Dissolution
Four Years After Return of First Writs
in Election of 1912; Novel Situation De-
velops Owing to Late Calling of Legis-
lature.

A sensational development has come
to light in connection with the political
situation. According to well-informed
legal opinion the life of the present
legislature either has expired or is about
to expire. In the session of 1913, an
amendment to the Constitution Act
was passed extending the legislative
term to five years, commencing with
the next legislature.

As first introduced the amendment
applied to the present term, but in
consequence of the opposition it
aroused throughout the country, the
government altered it so as to make it
apply to the next assembly.

But the important feature of the
amendment, and the one which creates
the present complication, is section 3,
which is as follows: "The members of
the legislative assembly now in session
shall hold their seats for four years
from the day of the returning of the
first writs for the last election, and no
longer, unless the assembly is sooner
dissolved."

When the House was dissolved in
1912, nomination day was fixed for
March 14 and the polling day for March
23. A number of seats were not con-
tested by the Liberals, consequently

the government candidates for those
constituencies were declared elected on
March 14, and the writs for the elec-
tions were returned immediately. Thus,
according to section 3 of the "Act to
Amend the Constitution Act" the life
of the legislature must be at an end,
because those were the "first writs"
returnable for the last election, and the
section expressly fixed the term at
four years from the date of their re-
turn.

If this interpretation be correct there
must either be an amending act passed
at once to extend the life of the
legislature, or a dissolution. A few
hours will disclose what is going to
happen. Premier Bower, who is also
the chief legal adviser of the govern-
ment, should have known of this situa-
tion before the session was called. He
certainly knew that March was an ex-
ceptionally late date in which to
call the legislature together, and he
had ample time in which to have a
general election and avoid such diffi-
culty as now seems to have arisen. If
the premier did know that the life
of the legislature would expire at this
time, then it is evident that he was
either wilfully deceiving the public by
holding before them in the by-elections
promises of legislation that he knew
could not be carried out, or that he
intended, if his ministers won those
contests, to regard the result as a
mandate for the extending the life of
the legislature, as opposition speakers
frequently charged.

The Imperial Govt. Asks Provision for An Army of 4,000,000

London, March 14.—H. J. Ten-
nant, under-secretary for war, in-
troduced in the House of Com-
mons to-day the army bill provid-
ing for a force of 4,000,000 men.

GERMANY PREPARED TO MAKE AMENDS

Sank Without Warning Barque
Carrying Americans; Trying
to Smooth It Over

Washington, March 14.—Unofficial
advices received here to-day indicate
that Germany will make complete
amends to the United States if it is
found that a German submarine tor-
pedoed the Norwegian barque Silius,
from which seven Americans were re-
scued in Havre Roads.

The German government is repre-
sented as believing that a torpedo was
not responsible for the loss of the
barque and that any commander who
attacked a neutral ship such as the
Silius without warning would be ex-
ceeding his instructions. The sinking
of the Silius had been the cause of
much concern here because American
Consul Osborne, at Havre, reported
that the ship had been torpedoed with-
out warning. His report was based on
statements of American survivors.

Officials are inclined to entertain the
possibility that the ship might have
struck a mine, but the case is being
investigated further.

To-day the state department received
another report from Consul Os-
borne which made no mention of the
cause of the sinking, merely saying
that the vessel was unarmed and car-
ried a cargo of grain and no passen-
gers. Of the crew of seventeen men
only three perished. Among the vic-
tims was the captain, a Norwegian.

Norway Inquires.

London, March 14.—A Reuter dis-
patch from Christiania says it is re-
ported there that the Norwegian gov-
ernment has asked Germany whether
a German submarine torpedoed the
Norwegian barque Silius, which, with
seven Americans on board, was sunk
last week off the French coast. If the
Silius was thus torpedoed, the dispatch
says, an explanation of conditions un-
der which the attack was made is re-
quested.

Baseless Charges.

Washington, March 14.—Austria has
presented to the United States reports
of two instances in which it is charged
Austrian merchant ships were tor-
pedoed without warning by allied sub-
marines, presumably British.

\$7,400,000,000 TO END OF NEXT JUNE

By Then France Will Have
Spent That Sum
on War

COST OF OPERATIONS INCREASING STEADILY

Paris, March 14.—The credits re-
quired for the second quarter of 1916
amount to 7,800,000,000 francs (\$1,560,-
000,000), according to the statement pre-
pared by Raoul Peret, reporter of the
budget committee of the chamber of
deputies, and presented yesterday in
the chamber. This is equivalent to a
daily expenditure of 87,000,000 francs
(\$17,400,000).

The figures presented indicated that
the cost of carrying on the war is
increasing steadily, as the total expen-
diture during the year 1915 amounted
to 22,000,000,000 francs (\$4,400,000,000).
The total national expenditure from the
beginning of August, 1914, to the end
of June, 1915, will be nearly 47,000,-
000,000 francs (\$9,400,000,000), of which
37,000,000,000 francs (\$7,400,000,000) will
have been for purely military purposes.

VILLA SURROUNDED BY CARRANZA TROOPS

El Paso, March 14.—Villa, heading
south from Galeña, is now encircled by
Carranza troops, according to advices
from General Luis Gutierrez, command-
er-in-chief of Chihuahua, to-day.
With 15,000 men in Chihuahua and
heavy reinforcements on their way
from the division of General Calles, in
Sonora, he thinks Villa has small
chance of escaping.

ARMY BILL AT ONCE IN AMERICAN CONGRESS

Washington, March 14.—In keeping
with the president's desire to have all
preparedness measures rushed through
congress, the house rules committee
to-day appointed a sub-committee to
confer with Speaker Clark on side-
tracking in favor of the army bill all
other business after the passage of the
free sugar repeal.

SULTAN HAS CLOSED TURKISH PARLIAMENT

Constantinople, March 14.—Parlia-
ment has been closed by the
sultan.

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GERMANS DEFEATED

BY SMUTS'S TROOPS

Driven Back During Engage-
ment in Kitovo Hills, Ger-
man East Africa

London, March 14.—British forces under Lieut.-General Smuts, recently appointed to the East African command, have had a spirited engagement with the Germans entrenched in the Kitovo Hills, west of Taveta. Positions were taken and re-taken several times and finally the Germans were driven back.

General Smuts, under date of March 12, telegraphed the War Office a brief description of the action, the substance of which was given out last night as follows:

"An action which was commenced on the morning of March 11 against German prepared positions in the Kitovo Hills (German East Africa) to the west of Taveta, resulted in the most obstinate battle continuing all night. The most formidable obstacle was presented by a strong force of the enemy. In the course of the engagement portions of this position were taken and re-taken several times. A final bayonet attack between 9 o'clock and midnight by two columns of South African infantry secured a hold which enabled them to maintain the position until reinforced the following morning, when it was seen German and native troops were retreating toward Kato, to the southwestward.

Retreat Cut Off.

"While this engagement was proceeding one of General Smuts's mounted brigades engaged in clearing the enemy's forces from the foothills to the northeast of Kitumale. These had been cut off from their main body by a rapid advance on March 8, 9, and 10. Movements are in progress to bar the retreat of these, isolated in a forest, to the westward.

"Simultaneously with these actions a strong column under General Stewart, coming from the direction of Longide, appeared from the Arusha-Moshi road in the rear of the German concentration. The enemy consequently is retreating southward toward the Usambara railroad. The pursuit is being continued."

THE CONSCIENTIOUS

OBJECTOR'S POSITION

Instructions Issued Under Ser-
vice Act to Local Authori-
ties in Motherland

London, March 14.—The position of the conscientious objector under the new military compulsion act is stated thus in a circular issued to the local authorities:

"The man who honestly and as a matter of conscience objects to combatant service is entitled to exemption. While care will be taken that the man who shirks his duty to his country does not find unworthy shelter behind this provision, every consideration will be given to the man whose objections genuinely rest on religious or moral convictions.

"The local authority, in making appointments to the exemption tribunals, should bear in mind that the tribunals will have to hear, among the applications, those made on ground of conscientious objection. Men who apply on this ground should be able to feel that they are being judged by a tribunal that will deal fairly with their cases."

The instructions go on to say that "the certificate of exemption may be from combatant service only, in which case the man would not be exempt from service in, for instance, the Royal Army Medical Corps. The exemption should be the minimum required to meet the conscientious scruples of the applicant."

But then comes the following: "There may be exceptional cases in which the genuine convictions and the circumstances of the man are such that neither exemption from combatant service nor a conditional exemption will adequately meet the case. Absolute exemption can be granted in these cases if the tribunal is fully satisfied of the facts."

A VAIN EFFORT TO BOLSTER UP EXCHANGE

Germany Tries to Get Higher
Price From Dutch
for Iron

Rotterdam, March 14.—A stir has been made in the Dutch metal industries by the latest German export measure, which amounts to the annulment of running contracts of Dutch firms with the German iron foundries, and threatens the firms in question with the loss of millions of dollars. Many of them already are turning to England and Scotland for their raw iron supplies, and doubtless would place big orders in the United States but for the abnormal freights.

Among other measures decided on with a view to countering the very unfavorable exchange rate against Germany, the government in Berlin issued an export prohibition on bar "universal" and strip iron, prescribing at the same time that consents for export shall be granted only where a minimum price fixed by it is paid. With a view to attaining this minimum price, the sale has been placed in the hands of the Steel Works Union in Düsseldorf. The consequence is that the German iron works are prevented carrying out the contracts they had entered into with Dutch customers, which bona fide contracts are thus annulled in order to get higher prices.

Meeting Held.
At a meeting of the leading Dutch engineering and shipbuilding concerns and connected trades a resolution was passed emphasizing that the carrying out of the measure in question will cause serious damage to Dutch industry, and urging the Netherlands government to take steps to get the export prohibition withdrawn. A committee was appointed and charged to make representations to the German authorities. Some of the manufacturers present already had placed themselves in communication with British iron foundries with a view to obtaining their supplies, and a second committee was nominated to prepare the way for securing other iron consignments in that country.

It is recognized that Germany has a right to obtain higher prices, if it can, for its raw iron exports so far as all fresh contracts are concerned, especially when it is remembered that, owing to the withdrawal of labor for the army, only 11,790,199 tons of iron were produced in 1915, as against 14,395,547 tons in 1914 and 19,309,172 tons in 1913. The unfairness, it is argued, lies in giving the measure retroactive force and applying it to contracts already signed.

No export of bar iron is now permitted from Germany below a price of \$3.60 gold per 100 kilograms, which means an increase of more than 60 per cent on the running contracts. This loss is irrecoverable so far as the manufacturers are concerned, for it is out of the question to transfer the burden to the shoulders of their customers in the case of contracts already entered into.

GENERAL CARRANZA FAVORABLY IMPRESSED

Washington, March 14.—State department agents along the border reported to-day that General Carranza had received the American government's note accepting his proposal for a reciprocal agreement for the pursuit of outlaws, and is favorably impressed with it.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints \$1.00 per dozen.

INTENSE BOMBARDMENT

WEST OF THE MEUSE

French Batteries Caught Ger-
mans Assembling Between
Forges and Corbeaux Wood

Paris, March 14.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"North of the Aisne our artillery shattered at several points enemy organizations on the plateau of Yaulere. In Champagne well regulated fires from our heavy artillery were directed against the German works at Maisons-de-Champagne and in the region west of Navarin.

"We carried out destructive fires on the enemy shelters, railroads and organizations in the eastern Argonne.

Region of Verdun.

"North of Verdun the bombardment has increased in intensity west of the Meuse, on Le Mort Homme and in the region of the Bois Bourras. Our batteries took under their fire enemy forces assembling between Forges and the Corbeaux wood.

"On the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woivre there was less activity on the part of the two armies. No infantry action occurred during the day.

"In Upper Alsace, east of Seppois, after a spirited artillery preparation, the Germans attacked trenches, which we had retaken from them in the last three days in Entre Lignes. They were stopped by our barrier and infantry fires. Sections of the enemy returned to their trenches, having suffered severe losses.

Fights in Air.

"To-day our aviators displayed marked activity in the whole of the Verdun region. A squadron of six aeroplanes dropped 120 shells on the strategically important station at Briulles, north of Verdun. A large number of engagements were fought, in which we had the advantage.

"In the course of these combats three German aeroplanes were brought down, one of them in our lines and the other two inside the German lines.

"Other aeroplanes were observed in the act of falling, but their destruction has not been established."

The following Belgian official report was issued last evening:

"There was greater artillery activity to-day along the Belgian front, especially in the sector around Dixmude."

British Report.

London, March 14.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"The enemy exploded mines near Cernoy and on the La Bassée-Bethune road, without damage. To-day we carried out successful bombardments near Manet, on the Lille-Armstrong railway, and Hooge. About 1000 shells were dropped from Bully and drench there was considerable artillery activity.

"Yesterday there was much aerial activity on both sides. Thirty-two hostile machines were engaged. One was driven down near Lille and a second was shot down in our lines. To-day another German machine was forced to descend in our lines."

German Falsehoods.

Washington, March 14.—The German estimates of the French losses around Verdun are quite inaccurate, according to a statement issued by the French embassy yesterday. It said:

"The Germans, wishing to reach the number of prisoners taken from them in Champagne and Artois last September, have obtained the names of 26,000 unaccounted prisoners by including, as usual, the killed and wounded and unaccounted prisoners. Such a total is more than double the real number.

"As to the 189 guns claimed as captured, the real number is only 84, including damaged guns and guns abandoned after having been put out of use."

"The Germans say they lost no aeroplanes in aerial fighting in February and claim that 73 French or British machines have been brought down after fighting. The truth is that in February we brought down in aerial fighting five German aeroplanes, which fell in our lines, and five others which fell in the German lines. During the same month only one French aeroplane was brought down in aerial fighting."

WHITE WISHES TO BORROW \$75,000,000

Ottawa, March 14.—Parliamentary authority to borrow to an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000, is sought by Sir Thomas White. He gave notice last night of the following resolution: "Resolved, that it is expedient to authorize the governor-in-council to raise by way of loan, in addition to the sums now remaining unborrowed and negotiable loans authorized by parliament by any act heretofore passed, such sum or sums of money not to exceed in the whole the sum of \$75,000,000, as may be required for paying maturing loans and obligations in Canada, carrying on of public works authorized by parliament, and meeting expenditures for general purposes authorized by parliament."

AMERICAN BULLETS AGAINST AMERICANS

Chicago, March 14.—American-made dum-dum bullets and American-made guns were used by the Villa forces in their raid on Columbus, N. M., according to Private Stephen Wiczorkiewicz, of the 7th U. S. Infantry, who helped in repulsing the raiders and took part in the pursuit across the border. He made this statement while passing through Chicago on his way to his home in Toledo. He exhibited dum-dum bullets of the dum-dum type, and asserted they had been taken from the belts of dead Mexicans by members of the 13th Cavalry at Columbus.

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ANOTHER THREAT BY GEN. VON BISSING

Vatican Must Act or He Will
Persecute Mercier and
bishops

Havre, March 14.—The Belgian newspaper Vingtieme Siecle says that General von Bissing, German governor-general of Belgium, has notified the bishops of Belgium who signed the collective letter of last November to the bishops of Germany that he knew their ideas and their expressions were set forth at the instigation of Cardinal Mercier and that he had lodged a formal complaint at the Vatican against the cardinal's conduct. Gen. von Bissing concluded his admonition to the bishops, according to the newspaper, by pointing out that by signing the document they had associated themselves with Cardinal Mercier's action, and added: "I hope that the position which the holy see will take will spare me the necessity of taking measures against you."

A letter dated November 24, 1915, signed by Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Malines, and by other members of the Belgian Roman Catholic episcopate, the bishops of Ghent, Bruges, Namur, Liege and Tournai was addressed to the cardinals and bishops of Germany, Bavaria and Austria-Hungary and contained an appeal, in the name of their common religion, for justice for the clergy and faithful of Belgium. An appendix gave official documents and minutes to prove the assertions made in the letter of intolerable wrongs by the Germans.

GREATER ACTIVITY ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, March 14.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"In the mountainous regions our ski troops made daring incursions. In the same regions there also were violent fire and attacks at the confluence of the two Teno torrents, on the Tofano di Massif, in the upper valley of the Boite torrent and the Copena and Reinbianco valleys.

"On the Isonzo front incessant rains and fog hindered our artillery activity during the greater part of the day. The afternoon bombardment, however, was resumed with great violence and was especially intense in the region of the Piava. After careful preparation with artillery fire, and despite the bad weather, our infantry, helped by machine guns and bombing detachments, charged against the enemy positions.

Baby Afflicted With Eczema Dr. Chase's Ointment Cured

The Family Doctor Tried in Vain to Heal the Sores—An
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This was a good many years ago, and since then many thousands of cases of eczema, both in children and adults, have been cured, until to-day Dr. Chase's Ointment is recognized as the standard cure for itching skin diseases.

Mrs. Geo. McNair, River Charles, N. B., writes as follows: "We use Dr. Chase's Ointment in our home, and would not wish for anything better for cuts, burns and bruises. A few years ago a friend of mine, whose baby was

thereby continuing the destruction of his defences.

"Toward the church-towered San Martino, in the Corso region, we noticed several large explosions caused by our bombs.

"The enemy also displayed greater activity along the entire front."

36,679 PROSECUTED IN COURTS OF HOLLAND

Measures Adopted by Dutch
Govt. to Stamp Out Smug-
gling Into Germany

The Hague, March 14.—The minister of war, reporting in the second chamber of parliament, said that 36,679 persons had been prosecuted for smuggling goods into Germany last year. Forty thousand soldiers had been employed to prevent smuggling, but because of the 600 miles of frontier they had had to patrol, many of the smugglers had been able to do a brisk business with the people across the border.

The wiles of the smugglers are many and the ingenuity which they bring to their trade, it is said would fit them for all the higher reaches of diplomacy.

Leather was smuggled inside barrels of mussels, balls of rubber inside the outer shells of onions and bags of meat got to represent sleeping babies were sent over the border. After the beginning of the war hundreds of thousands of the frontier population was engaged in the lighter forms of the prescribed traffic. Bribery of the frontier guards is said to have been the method tried most frequently.

The strip of country along the various frontiers has been declared in a state of siege and the military commanders order the whole life of the communities. They have resorted in some regions to banishing all undesirable persons. The number thus deprived of their right of residence last year was 1,297.

A bill passed recently limits supplies for the border towns to quantities that were normal before the war.

Austrian Baroness Dead.

Berlin, March 14.—The death is announced at Vienna of Baroness Marie von Edner-Eschenbach, 86 years old, daughter of Count Franz von Dubsky. She was the author of many novels as well as of poems and aphorisms.

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AT COLUMBUS, N.M.

Brig-Gen. Pershing Left El Paso Last Night; Movements Veiled

El Paso, March 14.—Brigadier-General John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary force to go into Mexico, left here on a westbound train last night, and since his departure the military authorities have refused all information about him.

General Pershing's train was said here to be going to Columbus, N. M., where to-day some 4,000 men of the first expeditionary force are in readiness for the dash after Villa. Some hours after General Pershing had left here, however, it became evident that the military authorities in this section intended that no information should leak out about his further movements.

Americans From Chihuahua. Washington, March 14.—Thirty-five Americans are leaving Chihuahua City to-day on a special train provided by the Carranza authorities. Twenty Americans refused to leave and seven others in various parts of Chihuahua had also elected to remain. The state department's dispatch regarding the departure of the Americans said the Carranza authorities in Chihuahua were showing an excellent spirit of cooperation.

A Woman's Story. Chicago, March 14.—Passengers arriving here on a train that passed through Columbus, N. M., shortly after the Villa raid on that town, told tales to-day of the happenings during and immediately after the raid. J. L. Randolph, of Chicago, said:

"A woman was brought on the train with wounds through both legs. She said her name was Mrs. J. J. Moore and that her husband's body was in the baggage car. She asked me if I would look after her as far as El Paso, where she was going, and on the way she told me her story.

"We had a ranch in Mexico about six miles from Columbus," she said, "and there my husband long ago became acquainted with Pancho Villa. On the morning of the raid, however, we were living in Columbus, not far from the army camp. We were in bed when Villa entered with several of his bandits.

Shot Four Times. "My husband spoke to Villa, and then seeing that he was in no mood to talk, tried to resist. Villa promptly shot him four times through the body. While he was writhing on the floor Villa snarled: 'Stop, you kicking; that's all you ever did anyway.' Then he grabbed a rifle from one of the men and plunged the bayonet through my husband's body.

"I bent over my husband's body and pleaded with Villa to kill me too. A soldier shot me through the legs, and as I lay on the floor Villa himself pulled the rings off my fingers. Then they went out and left me."

Censorship Established. San Antonio, Tex., March 14.—A rigid censorship was ordered established here.



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WORK FOR SOLDIERS

AFTER END OF WAR

Town-Planning Council in the Motherland Has Plans; Back to Land

London, March 14.—At present there is a shortage of 400,000 cottages in England. Besides this shortage, there are old and unsanitary areas that ought to be cleared away. The building of these new cottages with a view to providing discharged soldiers with work after the war and to remove a cause of emigration is the subject of a general scheme devised by the National Housing and Town-Planning Council. It also forms another instance of the way the war has dissipated England's indifference to her internal problems.

One of the main causes of complaint among leasehold farmers and farm hands is the poor housing. Ancient cottages with the lower floor flush with the ground and the roof thatched with straw may be picturesque, but they are damp and a main cause of the rheumatism from which the country people suffer so much. Of the 400,000 cottages, about 120,000 are needed in the rural districts. Families are now cramped into small quarters, living in old and mouldy homes or new and cheaply-built affairs that have no modern ideas of improvement.

The provision of homesteads with small holdings and the intensive cultivation of the soil, reforesting, the reclamation of waste, the settlement of disabled soldiers and sailors on the soil and town-planning schemes involving new main roads, playgrounds and open spaces, are parts of the programme of the housing council, which has called a national convention for April to take action on its proposals.

REVENUE OF GREECE

SHOWS AN INCREASE

Great Increase in Imports During Second Half of Last Year

Athens, March 14.—Official statistics show a total increase of over 5,500,000 drachmas (\$200,000) for the year 1915, notwithstanding that during the first six months of that year there was a falling off in imports to the value of \$5,000,000 drachmas (\$17,000,000). During the second half of the year the opening of the Balkan campaign and the greatly increased demand for all sorts of merchandise that has resulted from the presence of half a million strangers in Greece was responsible for a great increase in imports.

Many of the things in highest demand, however, have been out of stock. It is now almost impossible to secure camera films, for instance, either in Salonica or in Athens. Certain brands of whiskey have entirely disappeared from the Greek markets since the arrival of the Scottish contingents. Havana cigars sell at an almost prohibitive price, as do European wines. Even the cheapest and worst champagne is priced at \$7 a bottle.

RUSSIANS PRESSING ON IN THE CAUCASUS

Petrograd, March 14.—The following official statement was issued last night: "Western front—in the Riga district there has been the usual rifle-firing, with raids by skirmishers. A German armored motor car, which tried to bombard our trenches was driven off by our artillery. During the cannonade in the Tskul district we observed the explosion of our shells among the enemy batteries and German detachments who were attempting to approach the village of Borkowitz.

"In the Jacobstadt sector the Germans bombarded the district around the Neuburg station. Near Tennenfeldt and on the Dvinsk front lively artillery, rifle and grenade actions have occurred.

"On the front in Galicia, in the region to the southeast of Koki and the Middle Strypa, we fought several successful engagements with enemy patrols. In the course of which we captured an entire field post, consisting of 20 men.

"In the Caucasus we again have driven back the Turks in the region of Kalapoutan River.

"In Persia, in the course of operations against Kermanshah, our troops captured eight guns."

Berlin, March 14.—The Westphalian provincial association has subscribed 50,000,000 marks (\$12,500,000) to the new war loan.

EXPECT NO TROUBLE

WITH GEN. CARRANZA

Washington Officials Believe Acceptance of Proposal Has Smoothed Way

Washington, March 14.—Administration officials to-day momentarily averted word from Maj.-General Funston that the first detachment of American troops was moving into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits. The latest official information from the border indicated that mobilization of troops had made such progress that the first force was ready to cross the international boundary line at any time.

Officials are confident that the situation so far as General Carranza himself is concerned, has been adjusted by the acceptance of his proposal for a reciprocal arrangement by which either his troops or American troops may pursue outlaws on either side of the boundary.

Publication of reports that the United States expects trouble with Carranza is understood to be resented by administration officials, including the president, some of whom say such reports are being purposely disseminated by a certain element in order to bring about war with Mexico. Officials have made it clear that the steps already taken were taken deliberately to preclude the possibility of armed intervention, and they are seriously considering taking action to stop publication of reports of an alarmist nature.

No Outbreak. Official reports thus far received from interior points in Mexico and along the coast are all to the same effect—that there has been no outbreak of ill-feeling among the United States because of the announcement that American troops would hunt down Villa.

Official reports from the border to-day contained no word of important troop movements. Before he went to the cabinet meeting, Secretary Baker said he had nothing to indicate when the expedition into Mexico would start. Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hay, chairmen respectively of the Senate and House Military Committees, conferred briefly with the secretary. Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, was told by President Wilson that conditions in Mexico appeared more favorable.

Favorable Impression. Acting Secretary Polk reported to President Wilson to-day that word received at the state department from various sections of Mexico indicated that a favorable impression had been made by the note sent General Carranza yesterday. Mr. Polk's report did not confirm reports that the Carranza supporters resented the pursuit of Villa by American troops.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS.

Ottawa, March 14.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. C. E. Constant, Wardsville, Ont.

Second Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Wm. Jeffrey, England.

Third Battalion—Shell shock: Pte. S. Geo. Davis, Canada.

Fourth Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Pte. John McLaren, Scotland.

Seventh Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. G. Dally, England.

Eleventh Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. E. Edmond, England.

Eighteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. D. Colvin, Lobo, Ont.; Pte. Geo. Munro, Scotland; Sgt. Harold S. Gardner, England; Pte. R. Gadsby, Ireland; Pte. J. Bass, England.

Wounded: Pte. J. McCausland, St. Thomas, Ont.

Twenty-first Battalion—Suffering from shell shock: Pte. W. Sutton, Coburg, Ont.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. A. Grenier. (No address given).

Wounded: Pte. H. J. Daylice, Channel Islands.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. A. Jacob, Montreal.

Forty-third Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Pte. W. M. N. Fairlaab, Esterhazy, Sask.

Severely wounded: Pte. D. Warrender, Scotland.

Wounded: Pte. J. E. Brewer, England.

Fifty-fifth Battalion—Died: Pte. H. G. Read, Upper Rockport, N. B.

Forty-first Battalion—Canadian Field Artillery—Seriously ill: Gr. John A. Scott, Victoria Harbor, Ont.

ADMITTED AT LAST.

London, March 14.—Dispatches from Berlin yesterday contained the first admission from German sources that the Germans no longer hold Fort Vaux.

LIVING CHEAPEST IN

KING VICTOR'S LAND

Prices Have Not Risen So Much as in Other Countries at War

London, March 14.—A correspondent writes from Rome:

Italy is said to be the cheapest of the countries at war in which to live, cheaper even than neutral Switzerland. Hotel rates are still reasonable and house and apartment rents are even lower than they were before the war. Food prices have not increased so much as in France, Britain and Germany. This last mentioned condition is due mainly to the law prohibiting the exportation of all foodstuffs, which in a measure prevents speculation and corners in the market. It is pointed out that Italy is still largely an agricultural country and produces all she eats, except wheat.

Contrary to the general belief, water, not wine, is the national drink of Italy. The average Italian drinks an unbelievable quantity of water. The water consumption in Rome is said to be the largest of any city in the world.

The only food product the increase in the price of which has troubled the Italian stomach, is macaroni. Its price has gone from 6 to 10 cents a pound. Eggs have remained stationary in price.

The only seemingly insurmountable difficulty of the poor lies in the cost of coal for heating, and cooking. That fuel has increased from 24 cents the hundred pounds to 75 cents. This difficulty, too, the poorer people meet by co-operative kitchens, where several families cook their meals over the same fire, often at the same time, and where this is not possible the entire quantity of food for several families is cooked in lump by some one of the women turn and turn about.

EXEMPTION FROM SERVICE UNDER MILITARY ACT

London, March 14.—The government yesterday issued a revised list of occupations, employment in which will exempt men from military service. The revision is in accordance with recommendations recently made by the Earl of Derby, and provides that in the future only those men will be exempted from military service who were similarly employed prior to August 15 last.

As far as possible, the exemptions of those claiming to hold positions of considerable responsibility will be limited to married men over 30 years of age, the younger married men will be retained on the reserve in those occupations which are vital to the conduct of the war. Industries concerned in the manufacture of luxuries, such as tobacco, silk and lace, have been eliminated from the reserve list.

Further restrictions of exemptions affecting those engaged in the manufacture of munitions, in agriculture and mining will be issued shortly.

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authorities finally stretched a point and he won appointment as second lieutenant in a competitive examination in September, 1914.

When he became a captain last June he was the youngest captain then on active duty in France. His regiment saw very severe fighting at Loos and after the series of battles there, he found himself the senior surviving officer. Until a new lieutenant, colonel was appointed he was in charge of his regiment, and he acquitted himself so well that in due course he was rewarded by promotion to his present place as major.

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SIR ROBERT THE BUNGLER.

However keen may have been Sir Robert Borden's anxiety to counteract the unfavorable political effect upon the country of his sinister refusal to investigate the looting of the British taxpayers, through the operations of the Shell Committee appointed by his government, he has been singularly unhappy, stupid in fact, in the means he has chosen. Nothing could be more maladroit than his revival of the naval question at this time. It reminds the public of the conditions which existed on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of this country when the war began, the contrast between Canada and Australia, and that nefarious plot between Sir Robert Borden and Henri Bourassa and Armand Lavergne, through which three Nationalists sit in the Canadian cabinet and under which their two leaders continue to write seditious articles and make seditious speeches with guaranteed impunity. Even in his remarks yesterday the Prime Minister showed his deference to the Bourassa group by declaring that it always had been his intention to submit his "permanent policy" to the electorate, which, it will be recalled, was a cardinal plank of Bourassa's platform. It need only be added that Sir Robert has not yet devised a "permanent" naval policy and never will.

The Prime Minister's reference to the naval issue, too, is sadly inopportune as far as he is concerned. With Canada's Pacific coast and her Pacific commerce protected by the Japanese navy and her Atlantic coast and commerce protected by the gallant cruiser Sydney, flying the ensign of the Australian navy, we should imagine that his record on this question would be the last thing the leader of the Conservative-Nationalist coalition would desire to have recalled. A few weeks ago the Australian Prime Minister visited Ottawa on his way to England. Not a few must have pictured the meeting between Sir Robert Borden, who had returned the tenders of eleven British shipbuilding firms for the construction of cruisers in Canada, who had declared Canada could not build a navy in "fifty years," who had maintained that we could not get recruits, who had dismantled the Niobe and Rainbow, and the Prime Minister of our sister Dominion, whose navy destroyed the Emden, protected our trade routes in the Pacific, convoyed troops and supplies and raised the British flag over Germany's colonies in this ocean. We wonder if, when Sir Robert Borden was thanking Premier Hughes for the protection the Sydney is affording our coast and commerce on the Atlantic, the Australian statesman recalled the readiness with which the Ottawa government fell in with Winston Churchill's scheme to break up the Australian naval programme altogether.

When the war broke out the naval superiority of Great Britain and France over Germany and Austria in capital ships was so large that the Teutonic navies, particularly the German High Seas fleet, were at once rendered harmless in European waters. But not so in the Pacific. There the squadron, commanded by von Spee, would have had everything its own way but for the Australian navy and the Japanese fleet, which became a factor not long after the outbreak. What would have happened had Mr. Churchill's attempts to discourage the Australian policy been successful and had Japan not intervened? The result would have been more disastrous even than the Churchill blunder at the Dardanelles. Moreover, it has been found that the greatest need of the allies has been light cruisers for the protection of the trade routes, fast vessels like the Sydney, the destroyer of the Emden, the "tin-pot" derided by Sir Robert Borden and his followers in 1912. The foundation of victory for the allies in

this war is the economic strength of Great Britain based upon the protection of her overseas connections, and dreadnoughts cannot be used for this vital work.

We observe also, according to the reports, that Sir Robert Borden revived the ancient Churchill memorandum, public and secret. Australia, by the way, received a similar statement at that time, but, fortunately for the Empire, adhered to her original programme, recommended by the Admiralty in 1909. Is Sir Robert Borden trying to convey the impression that the British, French, Russian, Belgian and Canadian governments knew in 1912 there would be war in 1914? This is absurd. If they did know it they now would have to bear a terrible burden of responsibility for the military unpreparedness of their countries when the struggle broke out. And no government would be more deserving of punishment than that which abandoned the naval policy it helped to embody in the statutes of Canada, scrapped the Rainbow and Niobe, exposed our coasts and shipping to attack and bungled our land preparations so outrageously that although we have been at war for eighteen months we have only 60,000 men at the front and have not turned out a solitary completed shell.

THE GLORY OF FRANCE.

The fighting around Verdun again has demonstrated the magnificent valor, leadership and organization of the French army. It has shown that notwithstanding their enormous losses the defenders of France are as unconquerable to-day as they were eighteen months ago when the splendid corps of Lorraine under De Castelnau hurled the flower of the German army from the Grand Couronne of Nancy under the very eyes of the Kaiser. They have had to meet alone the whole weight of an offensive for which the German general staff had been conserving its best effectives, for it should be recalled that for many months the Kaiser has been preparing for the stroke he launched against Verdun three weeks ago. There has been nothing like this Teutonic onslaught since the war began. In no other sector have so many men and guns been concentrated in so small an area. The tremendous battering at Ypres and on the Donajec in Galicia was light in comparison with the force with which the Kaiser struck for final victory, yet France met the blow so dauntlessly, composedly and skilfully that her losses are but a fifth of those suffered by her foe and she still holds Verdun.

The cool judgment, foresight and mathematical precision with which the German thunderbolt has been countered are typical of French leadership at its best, which means the best leadership. There has been no confusion of the French front anywhere else; no other sector has been weakened to facilitate the Verdun defence. There has been no feverish waste of reserves. Nor have there been any reckless, premature attacks by the allies at other parts of the front in order to relieve the pressure at Verdun. It is evident from the quiescence of the other armies that the plans of Joffre and his brilliant assistants have not been dislocated in the slightest; that they have foreseen and provided for everything and that they will strike in their own good time. It would seem as though the French generalissimo was determined that the army of France alone should decide the issue with the army of Germany on that historic battleground between the Meuse and the Moselle.

And the spirit of the French army is the spirit of France. Of all the great powers France has suffered the heaviest from this war. She met its first shock only half prepared. The richest and most productive part of the country, with its great mines, vineyards and manufacturing centres, has been under the heel of the invader for eighteen months. Thousands of her beautiful cities, towns and villages have been laid in ruins. A German army has thundered within six miles of the gates of her world-famed capital. She has had 2,500,000 casualties. Her composure, dignity, patience and resolution under her terrible suffering have gained for her a more enduring monument of glory than all the crowning achievements of Napoleon. When this grim struggle is ended and Joffre has hurled the last Hun desperado out of his beloved Lorraine, France will speak with an authority in the councils of the world such as she never had before.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.

The public will do well to bear in mind the questions the opposition is asking of the government in the legislature. All of them have to do with matters affecting the public interest and some of them are of vital importance. The questions relating to the Pacific Great Eastern and Canadian Northern Pacific Railways, standing on the order paper in the names of Mr. Brewster and Mr. Macdonald, quite naturally have attracted a great deal of attention. Although the people of the province have assumed a contingent liability of more than \$80,000,000,

with annual interest charges of \$3,500,000, on behalf of those companies, they never have been given a full and frank statement of the railway situation or of the financial relations between the companies and the government. If the questions are answered fully and truthfully the people will know a great deal more about those heavily subsidized corporations than they ever knew before, and practically everything they would not have known had they not enlarged the opposition in the House.

There are other lists of questions of scarcely less importance, and a great many more will follow. As they scrutinize them the people will realize how little they have been informed by the government of the details of their business. For instance, how much have they been told about that joy-riding Indian Lands Commission which costs them about \$80,000 per annum? What have they been told about the cost of the new wing of the parliament buildings, which now greatly exceeds the amount expended on the whole main structure? Where has all that money gone? What do they know about the British Columbia building in London? What do they know of the relations between the government and the holders of large agricultural and timber lands? For years they have been kept in the dark on these and other important subjects which immediately affect their welfare.

This is not because no questions were asked. Messrs. Williams and Place put a great many interrogatories on the order paper, but the replies were noteworthy for their evasiveness and in some instances no answers were given at all. The government's course has been to crowd business, bills, estimates, answers and motions for returns into the last few days of the session when they could not receive proper consideration. It is not unlikely that a similar attempt will be made to evade awkward inquiries and to rush undigested measures and expenditures through towards the end of the present session, and it would be well for our readers to follow the proceedings closely. We feel certain that they will do this, because the electors recently have given unmistakable evidence of their deep concern in the manner in which their business has been managed.

The New York World has laid bare a comprehensive German scheme not only to influence Congress in the interests of the Kaiser but to overthrow President Wilson and to control the next Republican nominee for the presidency. Herr Weissman, the chief of the agitators, has admitted the truth of the story told by the World, notwithstanding the vehement denials of many of the Congressional representatives. Yet the body which one of its members recently boasted of as the "greatest and most powerful legislature in the world" seems helpless in the face of the extraordinary circumstances. The Teutonic propaganda may take another form, but it still will be carried on.

The Germans claim there is no evidence that the Silius was sunk by a submarine. None of the Hun submarine commanders has admitted the impeachment. The mere sighting of something that looked like a periscope is a small thing to hang an indictment upon. Besides, if any of the pirates has exceeded his instructions, Germany is willing to make complete reparation. Only three non-combatants are dead and a few injured as a result of a palpable mistake or excess of zeal. Why talk of "strict accountability" over such a trivial affair? No doubt Washington is ready to consider the incident closed.

The latest Turkish communication says it knows nothing about the condition of the whereabouts of Enver Pasha. Which lends some credence to the rumor that Enver has been overcome by circumstances that are peculiarly Turkish.

Perhaps we shall be told that after all the Royal Indian Commissioners were quite moderate in their charges. They might have claimed the regular union scale of double price for all the "work" they did on Sundays.

Boston Transcript: Germany had to warn the world when her campaign of frightfulness would begin, as otherwise nobody would have been able to distinguish it from what has gone before.

DISCIPLINE, NOT FLUNKYISM.

Toronto Star.
A lawyer in a colonel's uniform cross-examining a lance corporal in the witness box raised a problem that ought to be considered. The lance corporal had been addressed sharply by Lieut.-Colonel Lennox. So Captain Wigmore, provost marshal at Exhibition camp, spoke up and said: "Don't be afraid because Mr. Lennox is a colonel. He is a lawyer in this case, and you are his equal in this court." The colonel very properly added that the witness was to take no notice of his uniform.

That principle must be kept in view in the courts. Military rank must play no part in judicial proceedings.

It is somewhat more difficult to attack the social distinctions created by military rank, but these, too, ought to be minimized. They belong to the traditions of an earlier day, and they have no place in this democratic age and in this democratic land.

Discipline and obedience are, of course, essential in an army, but they ought not to create cast iron social distinctions.

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Such distinctions are particularly absurd in Canada. Two men come out of the same store or law office and join the army. One is an officer, the other is a private. How ridiculous is the rule that they are not to sit down to dinner together in a private house or a hotel. Democracy does not impair discipline. The French army is democratic through and through, and yet officers and men on the battlefield act in perfect accord. The men obey orders intelligently, not because of any absurd notion—that the colonel is made of different clay from the private.

On board a ship the captain has unquestioned authority, and the passenger must obey, though he be the owner of the ship. But off duty the captain enjoys no social superiority. That is common sense, and the same rule ought to prevail in the army.

SUCCESS.

I hold that man alone succeeds
Who life is crowned by noble deeds.
Who care not for the world's applause
But scorn vain custom's outworn laws;
Who feels not dwarfed by nature's show,
But deep within himself doth know
That conscious man is greater far
Than ocean, land, or distant star;
Who does not count his wealth by gold,
His worth by office he may hold,
But feels himself, as man alone,
As good as king upon a throne;
Who, battling 'gainst each seeming wrong,
Can meet disaster with a song.
Feel sure of victory in defeat,
And rise refreshed the foe to meet;
Who only lives the world to bless,
Can never fail—he is success.

—Henry Victor Morgan.

THE B. C. SITUATION.

Ottawa, Free Press.
In the defeat of his new minister of finance, in Saturday's by-election, Premier Bower, of British Columbia, has sustained another severe blow. Victoria, the seat of the government, has followed the lead set by Vancouver, and has expressed in the most emphatic manner its disapproval of the present British Columbia administration.

Hon. Mr. Plummer is an able man and a business man of high standing and influential local connections, but the record of his leader and his government was too great a handicap to be overcome. The tide of an outraged public opinion engulfed him. The result was not unexpected, and was, in fact, generally anticipated after the upheaval in Vancouver. H. C. Brewster, the victor in Saturday's contest, and leader of the opposition, has received a mandate to uncover the nefarious transactions which he has been telling the people about. The present session of the legislature may, therefore, be expected to be a spectacular one. The opposition is small, but it is a high-powered organization, and will probably be quite sufficient to lay bare the record of Bower's infamy.

The people who assume, however, that the government will be overwhelmed at its next appeal to the electors, are perhaps a little over-anguine. Bower is telling the people about. The present session of the legislature may, therefore, be expected to be a spectacular one. The opposition is small, but it is a high-powered organization, and will probably be quite sufficient to lay bare the record of Bower's infamy.

Whatever the result of the next appeal, the days of the government are certainly numbered.

SONGHEES RESERVE INQUIRY TO-MORROW

Public Accounts Committee
Accedes to View of Leader
of Opposition as to Scope

When the public accounts committee met this morning it was pointed out by the leader of the opposition that the reference of the accounts for 1914-15 to the committee by the House did not cover the payments on account of the Songhees reserve purchase, which were contained in the public accounts for 1911-12, brought down in the session of 1913.

Mr. Brewster raised the question of the validity of an oath administered to a witness by the committee in regard to matters not specifically committed to it. He read the appointment of the committee, which carried with it the power to inquire into "all matters committed to it," and sent for persons, papers and records, and the reference on Friday afternoon to it of the volume of public accounts covering the fiscal year 1914-15.

Quoting from May on parliamentary procedure, Mr. Brewster read: "The proceedings of every select committee are restricted to their own order of reference; that is to say, they are confined to the consideration of the matter referred or the bill committed; and when it has been thought desirable to do so the House has enlarged the reference."

The leader of the opposition remarked that he had desired to facilitate matters for Mr. Matson, who has busi-

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Selling, First Floor

Opening Up More New Novelties in Ladies' Better Suits

As we go to print the Mantle department is busy opening up more new novelties in Ladies' better Suits. These come in taffetas, also combination cloth and taffeta, and various fancy cloths in the girdle effect. There are also various novelties in black and white and brown and white checks, all exclusive, and no two models alike. Prices range \$35.00 to \$50.00

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More popular than ever will be the new Middies this coming season—the great tendency leaning toward garments for sporting and sports wear will make it so. We have fully provided for this extra demand and can now show you a wide range of styles and sizes suitable for girls, misses and women. A few particulars in brief are:

Children's Middies, all-white middy cloth, in sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10 years. In sizes to 8 years, we also have them with trimmings of cadet, navy and cardinal. Each 75c
Special value at \$1.50

Misses' Middies, size 14 years, all-white, also self shade of cadet with black braid and sailor knot. Also white trimmed with cadet, navy and cardinal. A very pretty new style in white pique with rose, candy stripe. Each \$1.50

Ladies' Middies in the new Norfolk coat style, yoke effect with box pleat fastening down front with large pearl buttons; three-quarter length sleeve; collar, pockets and sleeves trimmed Copenhagen. Very special value at \$1.50

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All-Khaki Middy, with white braid trimmings; long sleeves. Splendid value at \$1.50
Navy Blue Serge Middy, very fine grade. \$2.90

Selling, First Floor

A Great Sale of Embroideries at Half and Less

In the Embroidery Department we hold a great sale of manufacturers' sample ends. These are beautiful qualities, and at the special prices rare bargains. The crowd that awaited the opening of this sale Monday was a sure proof that Victoria women appreciated the opportunity to fill up their summer needs at such price savings. Be sure and take advantage of this offering, you will regret it if you don't—the values are so unusually good. Widths vary from 2 to 54 inches.

Regular 10c values selling at, yard, 5c
Regular 17c and 20c values selling at, yd. 10c
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Per oval pint 80¢
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Per Imperial gallon \$6.00**THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.**Family Wine and Spirit Merchants
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 14, 1891.

Mr. J. T. L. Meyer, late of Calgary, has joined Mr. A. P. Boyce in the real estate, financial and insurance business. The firm will transact a general agency business.

The attendance of pupils in the High School was 101 during the past week.

The chairman of the fire wardens, and Chief Deasy, paid an official visit to the public schools yesterday with a view to ascertaining the amount, and in some places to discover the lack of, fire protection in the event of the school buildings getting alight.

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Dr. J. L. Thompson, Dentist, now located in New Spencer Block (Arcade Bldg.), View street. Phone 3846.

Glass Wash Beards, 50¢. R. A. Brown & Co., 1392 Douglas St. Rose sprays, 50¢ to \$1.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1392 Douglas St.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, \$2.00 per dozen.

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White Sewing Machine Store, 711 Yates.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25¢.

Ward Three Liberals.—An important meeting of Ward Three workers will be held in the new headquarters, Arcade building to-morrow at 8 p.m. The president particularly requests a full attendance.

Held Whist Drive.—The Daughters of St. George will hold a whist drive on Monday evening, March 20, at 8 o'clock in the K. of C. hall, Fort street. Refreshments will be provided and prizes are to be given. Members are cordially invited.

War Lecture.—Under the auspices of the "Rustlers" Bible class, of the Hampshire Road Methodist church, Mr. Ritchie will, to-day, at 7:30 p.m., give a very interesting lecture on the war, illustrated by about 100 lantern slides, entitled, "The Trenches Beyond."

Welcome Returned Soldier.—Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, will welcome Bro. Jack Davey, who was a prisoner of war in Germany for four months, and afterwards was one of the exchanged prisoners, at its lodge meeting, this evening. It is requested that all members will turn up to give the soldier a right royal welcome. A hearty invitation is extended to the members of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 115. At 9 o'clock, a social will be held in commemoration of the event, and it is particularly requested that as many of the Daughters and Maids of England who can possibly make it convenient to attend, will do so. An invitation is also extended to any friends of Pte. Davey who would care to be present at the social.

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INSURANCE SUIT

Owners of Leona Sue Insurance Company in Supreme Court for \$60,000.

Acting for the Vancouver Portland Cement Company, Limited, Bodwell & Lawson, barristers, have filed a writ in the supreme court registrar's office here against the Maritime Insurance Company, Limited, claiming \$60,000. The cause of the suit is the loss of the steamer Leona, which was wrecked in the Gulf last December, when taking concentrates to Tacoma from Todd Inlet.

The plaintiff to the action claims insurance to the amount stated for the loss of the ship. The statement of claim attached to the writ sets out that "plaintiff's claim is upon a policy of marine insurance issued by the defendant July 17, 1915 whereby the defendant insured the plaintiff for \$60,000 against loss of the Leona."

WARD FIVE SMOKER.

Those Who Worked in Liberal Interests in Recent By-election Will Meet on Friday Evening.

The president and officers of Ward Five Liberal Association will be the hosts at a smoker on Friday evening in the Liberal headquarters, Arcade building, Broad street.

To this social gathering all the members of the association and all who in any way assisted in the recent by-election in Ward Five are cordially invited. The thanks of the association will be extended to the workers by the president, and other speakers will be heard.

The evening will be spent in a social way, with short speeches, music and smoking, and a large attendance is expected.

The Care of Glasses requires that they be cleaned with nothing harsher than clean soft cotton or linen. A linen handkerchief is very good for cleaning glasses or the little cloth cleaner, Frank Clugston, the optician, at 654 Yates street, will supply you free of charge. Do not clean your glasses with paper, as the grit on the paper will scratch your lenses. Glasses should never be laid face down with lenses against anything hard.

Soldiers' Aid Commission.—J. T. Place, Nanaimo, has a number of questions to ask the premier in regard to the appointment of the soldiers' aid commission.

Royal Scarlet Chapter.—Victoria Royal Scarlet Chapter will open tonight in 625 Courtney street, at 7:30 sharp. Full attendance of Sir Knights is requested.

Civil Engineers.—The Victoria Branch Canadian Society C. E. will hold a reception for members and ladies at the board room, 418 Belmont block, to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

Rummage Sale.—The Ladies' Aid of the First Congregational church will hold a rummage sale at 742 Fort street (between Douglas and Blanshard streets), commencing at 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Shamrock Whist Drive.—A Shamrock whist drive will be held by the Psychic Research Society on Thursday evening in their hall, 719 Courtney street. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

Cloverdale W. C. T. U.—The Cloverdale W. C. T. U. invites the ladies of the district to attend a prohibition meeting, addressed by Mrs. Spofford, to be held in the Erskine Presbyterian church, Harriet road, on Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Tea will be served during the afternoon by the ladies of the church.

Wants Information.—H. B. Thomson has a notice of motion on the order paper for an order of the House for a return of all correspondence between Rev. Principal Mackay, of Westminster Hall, and any member of the present or late cabinet "relative to his pleading his cause to be made president of the B. C. University."

Public Market.—The mid-week market to-morrow will witness a large attendance of growers and a full line of all seasonable produce. With a good attendance of buyers, business should prove brisk. Fresh supplies of local vegetables, dairy produce, meats, fish, poultry, etc., are expected. The attendance at the public market is increasing every week, and given a fine day, a good crowd is expected.

Anticipating Departure.—In view of the announced intention of Rev. C. A. Sykes to return to the Methodist ministry, with which he was for many years associated, the management of the First Congregational church met last evening. Informal steps will be put in hand to arrange for a successor to take up the work this summer. Mr. Sykes had been invited to an influential Methodist church at Berlin, Ontario.

Comptroller's Statement.—The city comptroller's statement for February shows credit balances of \$1,554,981, and debit balances of \$1,272,962. The principal credit balances are general purposes sinking funds, \$717,872, and local improvement sinking funds, \$598,509. The debit balances are made up of: Annual loan by-law advances, \$240,000; local improvement advances, \$725,369; treasury bills redemption account, \$59, and Sooko Waterworks, \$297,000.

Civic Retrenchment.—A special meeting of the members of the Civic Retrenchment Association, to which all taxpayers are cordially invited, will be held at 3 p.m. to-morrow, in the board room, 418 Belmont building. The object of the meeting is to appoint a deputation to wait upon the government and protest against a proposed change in the law which would do away with the right of taxpayers to appeal to a judge of the courts from the decision of a court of revision in the question of the assessment of their property for purposes of taxation.

Rotary Club.—The one hundred and eighteenth meeting of the Victoria Rotary Club will be held Thursday at 12:30 o'clock at the Empress hotel. A special plea is made by the directors for a large attendance at this meeting. The Victoria club ranks fourth in size of membership for all the clubs of Canada according to figures just to hand. There are ten Canadian clubs, the first three being Toronto with 170 members; Winnipeg, 122; Halifax, 120; and Victoria with 109 and 62 Vancouver with 98, Calgary has 72.

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AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

The Attraction at the Royal Victoria for the first three days of this week includes Anita Stewart and Earle Williams in a five act comedy drama, "My Lady's Slipper." The picture is one that should please, as all the different parts are taken with a skill that is rarely seen in picture plays. Earle Williams is the hero and Anita Stewart the heroine in this Cyrus Townsend Brady romance, the atmosphere of which is far removed from the common things of life. There is also shown on the same programme a Pathe News, also a very funny one-act comedy which rounds out a pleasing entertainment.

DOMINION THEATRE.

The party gown worn by Florence Dagmar, who plays the feminine lead in the photodramatic version of Mark Twain's celebrated story "Pudd'nhead Wilson" and in which Theodore Roberts will be seen in the title role, was worn at one time by Miss Dagmar's grandmother and it has been one of the heirlooms of the Dagmar family ever since. It was only by great persuasion that the beautiful young actress could secure her mother's consent to wear it for the filming of the few scenes in which it appears. Finally, when Mrs. Dagmar was assured that absolutely no harm could come to the gown, the daughter was permitted to use it.

"Pudd'nhead Wilson" is now the current attraction at the Dominion. Another fine feature is "Nurse and Martyr," the great Nurse Cavell picture which is also being shown the first three days of this week.

COMEDY AT PANTAGES

Unusually Gifted Comedian Wins Enthusiastic Applause; Rooster and Terrier Entertain Onlookers.

There is a really funny comedian at Pantages theatre this week. His name is Chris. Richards, which is quite unassuming for a person so gifted in the art of making his audience laugh. His figure is as completely under his control as his uncomely mobile face and voice, and his drolleries won for him the loudest and most prolonged applause given any individual turn at Pantages for many a day.

His closest rivals were a heavily spiced but fail-safe rooster, and a small terrier which enlivened the entertainment offered by Michael Emmet and his partner. The friendly way in which the crows and barnyard fowl and doves wandered around in the immediate neighborhood of the lovers was made more realistically Irish by the genuine animosity which existed between the big cockerell and the terrier. While Michael and Bridget discoursed of love the audience rocked with laughter to see the aged fathered warrior sprinting after the quite obviously terrified canines, whose tantalizing barks aroused the former to wrath. The whole scene is charmingly staged to represent a bit of "Old Ireland."

Yet another entertaining comedian comes during the evening. This is Sammy Wrenn, a diminutive person who fills the role of a cook on a captured ship. Incidentally one discovers that he must be really even smaller than he appears as he wears his night and day clothes all at the same time. "The Dream Pirate" is a story of a dream dreamed by a girl who had been reading an exciting tale of adventure just before going to bed. There is quite a big company, and the choruses and costumes are attractive. As the curtain descended Scully Sam was seen dodging cannon balls of pea-fired by an enemy ship.

The La Vars are accomplished in the art of fast dancing, and everyone will concede to them the right to annex the title of "Chirwind" after witnessing the last of the three dances which they present. There is an original example of the cake walk, and a revival of the tango which has possibilities of adaptation for ballroom use. Onlookers were very interested in the quick changes of costume made by the lady in this act. "The Packard 4" presented only three for some reason or other, and together with Knight and Moore helped to open the programme. The Pantagescope this week is a scenic review of considerable interest.

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TO PRODUCE "PATIENCE"

Vancouver Society to Stage Opera Here for the Patriotic Aid Fund.

For the purpose of assisting the local Patriotic Fund the Patriotic Amateur Operatic Society of Vancouver will stage "Patience" at the Royal Victoria theatre on March 27 and 28. The company recently gave very successful performances at Vancouver, and offered to come to Victoria free of charge. The only expense incurred by the production here will be the cost of the theatre.

The arrangements are in the hands of Arthur Coles, reve of Esquimalt. It has been arranged that the production will be at popular prices—50¢, 75¢ and \$1. The leading role of Patience will be taken by Blanche Nadeau, and Frank Hoole will appear as Bunthorne. The orchestra of the 88th Battalion will provide the music. Full announcements of the event are to be made later.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 14—3 a. m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over this province, and fair, cold weather is general; with moderate winds along the coast. A light snowfall is reported in Alberta and zero temperatures extend eastward to Lake Superior.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, mostly cloudy and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mostly cloudy and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 25; wind, 12 miles N.; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.35; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.37; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 12; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 20; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, 24; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 26; wind, 26 miles E.; rain, 0.1; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 34; wind, 10 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, maximum yesterday, 78; minimum, 56; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Temperature.

Max. Min.

Fort George 29 17

Penticton 42 30

Nelson 42 30

Calgary 30 12

Edmonton 34 20

Qu'Appelle 14 20

Winnipeg 28 18

Toronto 42 30

Ottawa 34 24

Montreal 42 30

St. John 26 26

Halifax 32 22

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday.

Temperature.

Highest 47

Lowest 25

Average 41

Minimum on grass 31

Maximum in sun 110

Rain, .08 inch.

Bright sunshine, 10 hours.

General state of weather, fair.

If one advances constantly in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.—Thoreau.

Eloquence may be found in conversation and all kinds of writings; it is rarely where we seek it, and sometimes where it is least expected.—La Bruyere.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

M. Nelson, of New Westminster, is at the Dominion.

H. F. Whittle, of Courtenay, is staying at the Dominion.

W. E. Smith, of Revelstoke, is stopping at the Dominion.

T. L. Bloomer, of Nelson, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

L. Schulz is down from Atlin, and is stopping at the Dominion.

A. E. Risk and Mrs. Risk, of Regina, are guests of the Dominion.

W. Noble, of Prince Rupert, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

H. M. Drummond, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Empress hotel.

A. D. Thorpe, of Sooke, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Payne, of Nelson, are guests at the Empress hotel.

H. M. Harty, of Auckland, N. Z., is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

G. W. Jackson, of Qualicum Beach, is staying at the Dominion.

A. C. Stewart, from Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Frank J. Dixon, of Toronto, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. Gray and Mrs. Gray, of Kerrisdale, B. C., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Wm. Carlson and family, of Gull Lake, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion.

Mrs. B. Cuthbert is in the city from Mill Bay, and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Wm. Twambly is among the Vancouver visitors registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Edward Salt is here from Toronto on a business trip, and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. F. G. Williams is in the city from Mill Bay, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Wm. Duncan and H. Stewart are down from Comox, and are registered at the Dominion.

Dr. Seymour Hadwen, of Agassiz Experimental Farm, is in the city on convention business.

J. Charles Lang, from Salt Spring Island, is in the city and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

F. A. Caton, from Yellow Point, registered for himself and Mrs. Caton at the Strathcona hotel.

J. W. Flaherty, from Joice, Wash., is visiting in the city, and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

J. W. Steele and family and Miss Annie Ramsay, of Kennedy, Sask., are registered at the Dominion.

S. J. Reid, S. J. Vooghtis and Mrs. M. Dawson are registered at the Strathcona hotel from Coosue, V. I.

Rev. F. W. S. O'Neill and family are visitors in the city from Manchuria and are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

W. G. Dunsmuir, of Vancouver, and W. G. Downey, of Regina, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. A. J. W. Galbraith, of Moose Jaw, Sask., is visiting her father, Cpl. W. J. Scott, of the 88th, at his residence, Tennyson avenue.

Mrs. Geo. McTavish, of Carman, Man., is spending a short time in the city. She is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Scott, "Winnitoba," Tennyson avenue.

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A certain class of prejudiced and jealous doctors call patent medicines only alcoholic beverages. They will tell you that such and such a medicine contains as much alcohol as a glass of beer, or a certain quantity of whiskey; but they do not mention that the beer or whiskey is swallowed at one draught, while only a small quantity of the medicine is taken at one dose. At the same time they will use alcohol quite as freely and many in four or five times as great proportions in their own prescriptions.

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Irritated by the pro-German conversation of one of the guests at an American dinner party, the English butler poured the gravy over him. The story is believed to have greatly annoyed the starving millionaires in Berlin. They complain that their exiled fellow-countrymen get all the luck.—Punch.

He hears but half who hears one party only.—Eschylus.

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DEBATE ON ADDRESS

IN THE THIRD WEEK

Members for Nanaimo, Chilliwack and Esquimalt Heard Yesterday

Legislative Press Gallery, March 13.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne entered upon the third week this afternoon, and the indications are that it will occupy the greater part of the present week.

During the afternoon three speeches were made, those taking part being the members for Nanaimo, Chilliwack and Esquimalt. The three gentlemen spoke of matters in general as touched on in the speech, and all had something to say affecting the several constituencies they represent.

The first ominous hint of a rift in the government ranks over the prohibition measure which is promised came in the speech of the member for Chilliwack. That is a constituency which may safely be counted upon to vote on the whole in favor of a prohibitory law, and in saying that the proposed law would be acceptable to the people of that district he, no doubt, correctly represented the majority of them.

But Mr. Cawley came out for compensation in some form and to some extent. So far as he expressed this it goes to the length of compensation for stocks on hand when and should the law go into force, and necessary structural changes in hotels. Whether or not he would go any further personally, and what attitude he would take on any compensation proposals of the government is a matter which remains to be seen when the subject comes before the legislature.

This brings to the front, however, what will prove one of the most troublesome things to the administration. There is a very strong lobby here in the interests of the liquor trade. It is not in evidence about the corridors at present—but is energetic and persistent about the hotels where the members are to be found in the evening. There is also a prohibition lobby, just as active, and it is being helped by pressure from the constituencies on the individual members.

Party Split Predicted.

Some there are who predict a party split over the measure—if nothing happens meanwhile. There is certain to be some warm discussions in caucus on the terms of the bill, and it is just as certain that it will not be settled in one session of the caucus. Compensation is not the only rock in prohibition rapids which menaces the government. The percentage of the popular vote required for endorsement of the bill, the position of clubs under the act, the amount which a person may import, and many other points will have to be settled—and no matter which way it goes there will be a substantial minority the other way, ready to give utterances to its opinions in the House to the extent of votes it is said. This will be something new for the followers of the government to do, but the revolt against Bowerism has permeated into the House from the country.

Misquoted Leader.

The member for Esquimalt ran foul of the leader of the opposition by misquoting him in regard to the laying of steel on the Canadian Northern Pacific line on the island. Mr. Brewster spoke of the island section of the line, as it is now generally known, or the Barkley Sound line, as it is called in the original act, and stated in his speech the other day that there is not a pound of steel laid on it. Mr. Pooley twisted his words round to include the portion of the main line between here and Patricia Bay, on which track-laying has been going on intermittently and slowly for three months past, and when convicted of misrepresentation out of his own mouth, by reading from the Times' report, tried to get out of it by accusing the Times of tampering with the words used by the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Pooley is an enthusiastic admirer of the government's shipbuilding policy, and foresees the time when it will be possible to build steel and iron ships here. But we must go slowly, he said. First the wooden vessels, and then on through iron ships and men-of-war to sailing mills and blast furnaces. Living in and representing Esquimalt one would have thought that Mr. Pooley had heard something about the achievements of the local shipyard, where the building of iron ships is not a new thing, and if he read the newspapers—as he said of Mr. Brewster—he might even have learned of the splendid manner in which a ship built there faced one of the worst gales on the west coast in trying to get aid to the crew of a wrecked Chilean barque this winter.

Member for Nanaimo.

John T. W. Place (Nanaimo) called on the premier to enlighten the House as to his attitude in regard to the business of the House in view of the vote of the electorate in the three by-elections. The sooner the premier and his colleagues were out the better for the country. Repelling the allegations that the Liberals had brought men here from New York, Mr. Place said the Conservatives could go that one better, even if he had been true, for they went to the graveyard for voters as a practice.

Mr. Place made it quite plain that no Socialist member, present or past, had to shoulder any of the blame for passing the railway legislation. The granting of aid to railways or the guaranteeing of their bonds were alike opposed by the party he represented as well as by the Liberals and many members of the Conservative party.

The member for Nanaimo declared himself an anti-militarist, but said he was prepared to go to any extent in

looking after the welfare of the soldiers who returned from Europe.

Mr. Place wanted to know, though, what land was going to be made use of to place the returned soldiers back on the land. How was it going to be cleared? In what way was the soldier to be helped to make a living from the land? How was he to live until he could do so? These were things the House and country wanted some information on, and when this was available the opposition would do all in its power to assist the government in dealing with the problem.

Fishing Industry.

Speaking of the fishing industry, which is one of the large industries of Nanaimo district, Mr. Place stated that there is not a white man engaged in cod-fishing in Nanaimo district, from Nanaimo to Nanos Bay on the one side and Cowichan Gap on the other. So far as he knew there was not one white outfit fishing herring in the district, and of seven new fishing companies recently incorporated in Nanaimo all were Japanese. Unless steps were taken to offset this trend of things the people of British Columbia would find themselves in a pretty serious position in the near future. The hon. gentleman said he would not be surprised, if the government's shipbuilding policy was ever carried into effect, to find Chinese running them.

Mr. Place declared that hundreds of Chinese were working underground in the coal mines, and he suggested that if the government could not deal with the matter in any other manner it could cancel the certificates of all Chinese who were not now working in the mines. He expressed his absolute lack of confidence in Mr. Lorne Campbell, minister of mines. Mr. Place went into the question of the strike and the actions of the government in regard to it, and the general condition of the province. That this condition was not brought about by the war was beyond question, he said.

Premier Bower has brought us into this mess," said Mr. Place. "If he is to remain in office to get us out I don't know where we will end."

S. A. Cawley.

S. A. Cawley (Chilliwack) congratulated the mover and seconder, the new members, and Mr. Bower, regretted the passing of Sir Richard McBride and wished Hon. J. H. Turner well. Mr. Bower had risen from the position of a lay member of the House to the highest office in the gift of the people, and had attained the premier-ship. No one worked harder than he did. Sir Richard had passed to another sphere, where he would do great service for the province. Mr. Cawley felt satisfied that it was the lack of an opposition in the House which had induced the electors of Vancouver and Victoria to return Liberal members, and not any lack of confidence in the government.

Mr. Cawley devoted some attention to agriculture and coupled with it mining, and said he coupled them because without one the other could not be developed. There was no province, he asserted, where more was done for the advancement of agriculture, according to means, than in British Columbia. This province had gone as far as any and probably further than any of them in aid to the farmers, and under the agricultural aid bill more would be effected. The government should give the same assistance to mining as to agriculture. It was one of the great industries of the province and deserved encouragement; every industry must look to mining and without mining every industry on earth would stop. For the prospector all that could be done would probably be to run roads into mineral tracts or do something to help a man in the marketing or treatment of his ore. There was some talk of over-capitalization, but it was a hard thing to overcome and he did not know that it could be done. A lot of the difficulty in regard to mining arose because people had lost money in wild-cat mining stock, and he thought the government should stop this.

Prohibition.

Prohibition, Mr. Cawley said, would be very acceptable to the people of Chilliwack. For himself, he declared that he was a local optionist as well as a provincial optionist. If the people wanted a thing they should have it, and if they did not want it they should not be compelled to have it. But in whatever legislation was brought down there should be some measure of relief to hotelkeepers, whom the province had licensed to hold and carry certain stocks, and for the readjustment of their premises to meet with the new conditions bound to arise.

Mr. Cawley championed an extension of the Sumas dyking scheme so as to render productive some thousands of acres of land in the Fraser valley.

R. H. Pooley (Esquimalt) had praise for the French troops now fighting around Verdun, and expressed sympathy with the Serbians and Montenegrins, blaming the British government for Serbia not now being in the hands of the allies. No district in the province had answered the call for men so loyally as had Esquimalt, and the province had sent proportionally more men than any other in Canada. Yesterday, Mr. Pooley said, he had received a letter from Captain Hayward, in which the member for Cowichan stated that he was leaving for the front next day. An expression of good wishes for Capt. Hayward was cheered by both sides of the House.

The hon. gentleman said the House also missed the face of Sir Richard McBride, the greatest native son the province had produced. It would be a long time before it saw another to equal him. The late premier had been an outstanding figure in the province for years. The prosperity which it had enjoyed was to be attributed to him to a great extent. His courtesy was unfeigned and he left the province loved of all citizens.

The statements that the financial stringency and depressed conditions in this province existed before the war and were due to misgovernment, the hon. member declared to be unfounded and unfair. He rather thought a dead horse in a lengthy argument that Ger-

many had been preparing for war for years, based on French white books and military activity seen around Coblenz by Father Wood in the early summer of 1914. These should be a united front by all parties against something or other ruin policy," seemed to be what he meant—and all should put their shoulders to the wheel. Admitting that the province financially was in a worse condition than any other, was that our fault? he asked. Geographically the east was helped by large munition orders, the prairies had wonderful crops and the lack of shipping kept the British Columbia lumber industry back.

Agricultural Aid.

Mr. Pooley regretted that the price of money prevented the Agricultural Aid Act being brought into operation. He took occasion to point out the availability of southern Vancouver Island, especially the neighborhood of Victoria, for the growing of seeds of all kinds. Seeds grown here were 25 per cent. better than those raised elsewhere. Four hundred pounds of sweet pea seed could be grown to the acre worth \$700 to \$800. In the matter of egg-marking, Mr. Pooley, who seconded Capt. Hayward's resolution last session calling upon the Dominion government to have foreign eggs marked, expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of action, and said he would move a similar resolution later in the session. The cause of the sheep-breeder was espoused by Mr. Pooley. To protect the flocks from ravages of panthers he suggested that the bounty on these animals be doubled so as to induce hunters to get after them, and that dogs be not allowed to run at large and worry sheep.

Construction on C. N. R.

Mr. Pooley took up the matter of the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific on the island, and declared that when the leader of the opposition stated not a pound of steel had been laid on the island section he showed he did not know anything about it. Why, there were ten and one-half miles laid and steel was being laid at the rate of three-quarters of a mile a day on the main line from Patricia Bay to Victoria!

Mr. Brewster rose to remark that he spoke of the island section of the line, from Victoria to Alberni, on which not a pound of steel had been laid.

Mr. Pooley was quite certain otherwise, for had he not taken down the words? And there was the report in the Times of the hon. gentleman's speech, as follows: "What about the road that was to open up the constituency I then represented—Alberni? There are branches all along the right-of-way, bridges are missing, there is no steel." "Quite correct," said Mr. Brewster.

Mr. Pooley said he had impressed it on his mind that the reference was to the laying of steel on the whole island.

"The hon. gentleman's mind is easily impressed," was Mr. Brewster's dry comment.

Mr. Pooley got out of the difficulty rather lamely, and insinuated that the Times reporter had "doctored" the reference, knowing that steel was being laid, the Times having had a photograph made of it. He went on to say that from Dec. 6 to 16 track was laid by hand at the rate of 1,250 feet a day. On Dec. 16 an engine and 36 cars ran over the line at Patricia Bay. From Dec. 16 to June 15 tracklaying was delayed because they could not get a proper crossing diamond for the B. C. Electric Ry. line. They then proceeded to lay steel until Feb. 1, when the big storm tied operations up. Work was recommenced on March 1 and on March 10 there was laid 4,200 feet in that one day's work. The distance from Patricia Bay to Victoria was 15 1/2 miles.

The shipbuilding policy was warmly endorsed by Mr. Pooley, who undertook to explain why the Laurier naval policy had been turned down here and where in this was so much better. It was out of the question to lay down warships here on this coast, but the Bower government was approaching the thing in a sensible manner. It was starting in from small beginnings, and the building of wooden ships would give this beginning and at the same time help the lumber trade. Then when wooden ships had been built we could go on naturally to iron and steel ships and to warships, and then follow rolling mills and blast furnaces.

M. A. Macdonald secured the floor for to-morrow afternoon.

For the last fifty minutes of Mr. Pooley's speech the clock in the chamber stood at five o'clock, and it was a long time before anyone noticed it. Just before adjournment Mr. Speaker remarked that the clock was not at all a parliamentary one, being out of order.

Private bills introduced to-day were those to validate certain local improvement assessments of the city and to ratify the agreement between the city and the B. C. Telephone Company, by H. B. Thomson; amending the Xmas and Skeena Railway Act, by Ernest Miller; and respecting the corporation of the district of Burnaby, by H. H. Watson.

F. L. Carter Cotton, member for Richmond, was in his seat to-day for the first time this session.

LEGISLATIVE PRESS GALLERY.

Officers Elected by Newspapermen for the Session Now in Progress: Resolutions Passed.

The yearly meeting of the members of the legislative press gallery of British Columbia was held in the press room, parliament buildings, yesterday afternoon prior to the sitting of the House, with the retiring president, Charles R. Swayne, of the Victoria Colonist, in the chair.

Officers were elected as follows: Honorary president, Hon. Lorne A. Campbell; president, Robert J. McDougall, Vancouver Province; vice-president, J. W. B. Macdonald, Victoria Colonist; secretary, R. J. Hartley, Victoria Times.

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the relatives of the late George Sheldon-Williams, for many years a member of the gallery, and with George S. B. Perry, of the Vancouver Province, vice-president of the gallery last year, on the death of his daughter.

OPPOSITION WAITING CHANCE TO QUESTION

Notices of Motion and Inquiry Are Piling Up While Debate on Address Proceeds

Legislative Press Gallery, March 13.

As was pointed out the other day, parliamentary usage is responsible for there being nothing done by the legislature yet beyond the more or less formal debate of general policy on the address, but the opposition members are piling up work for the House and the ministers which will be brought on just as soon as may be. In addition to the resolutions and questions proposed by Messrs. Brewster, Williams and Macdonald, of which mention was made the other day, there are several more appearing on the order paper.

Mr. Brewster will move for an order of the House for a copy of the petition forwarded by John Oliver to his honor the lieutenant governor asking for an inquiry into land frauds, which will give an opportunity to discuss this matter. He will ask the minister of lands for a statement of the amount of money received by the province on account of royalty on pulp timber manufactured in the province during the years 1910 to 1914 inclusive, and of the quantity of saw logs and shingle bolts cut on provincial crown lands and exported from the province during the years 1912 to 1915 inclusive.

Mr. Williams has a supplementary question respecting the "company" town of Anyox, which is owned and controlled by the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. Its estimated population is about \$500, but the site of the town is assessed at only \$750 per acre. The adjoining townsite of McKinnon, owned by other people, on which there are about 12 persons residing, is assessed at \$450 an acre. Mr. Williams wants to know the reason for the apparent extraordinarily favored treatment of the Granby Company.

Mr. Macdonald has the following series of questions on the bond issue of \$100,000 for C. N. Pacific terminals:

"1. In what bank or banks were the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by Canadian Northern Terminal Act, 1913, originally deposited?"

"2. Was there any transfer or trans-

fers of the deposit or deposits or any part thereof to another bank or banks?"

"3. If so, to what banks and to what accounts in each case?"

"4. In what bank or banks are the proceeds now deposited?"

"5. Has any amount or amounts been paid out of said proceeds of said bonds since the 31st March, 1915?"

"6. What is the total amount now to the credit of the account or accounts with respect to said terminal bonds?"

"7. What amount in dollars of terminal bonds has been sold?"

"8. What is the net amount of money received as the proceeds of such sale?"

"9. What amount of the money realized from the sale or by hypothecation of terminal bonds have been expended to date?"

"10. For what purposes have such expenditures been made, with particulars in each case?"

"11. Have any of the guaranteed terminal bonds been hypothecated?"

"12. If so, to what amount?"

"13. Have any of the moneys realized from the sale or hypothecation of bonds been diverted to any purpose except those connected with terminal bonds?"

Alberni Branch of C. N. P.

Mr. Brewster has the following very pertinent questions regarding the Alberni or Island section of the C. N. Pacific:

"1. Who are the shareholders of Canadian Northern Pacific Ry. Co.?"

"2. Who are the directors of said company?"

"3. What company, firm or individual is principal contractor for said Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Co. on the branch of said Canadian Northern Pacific Railway between Victoria and Port Alberni?"

"4. If a company or firm is principal contractor, what are the names of the shareholders in said company or partners in said firm?"

"5. Were any persons appointed by the government to check, on behalf of the government, classifications as regards grading, quality of materials used, and the carrying out of construction properly?"

"6. Were specifications as to the standard of construction prepared or approved by the government and supplied the railway company for the construction of said Victoria-Alberni branch?"

"7. If so, will the government immediately place copies of same before the members of the legislature for their information?"

"8. On how many miles of line have construction operations been started on the said branch line between Victoria and Port Alberni?"

"9. How many miles of grading have been completed on this line?"

"10. How many miles of track, if any, have been laid on this line?"

"11. What amount of money, if any, will be required to complete the grading and bridging on the line on which construction of any kind has been started?"

"12. What amount of money will be required to lay track and put the line in condition to operate, so far as now graded?"

"13. What amount of money has the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company paid to contractors for construction purposes on the whole line, between Victoria and Port Alberni, up to February 1st, 1916?"

"14. What amount of money has been realized by the government to the said railway company with respect to said Victoria-Alberni branch, out of moneys the proceeds from sale of guaranteed bonds up to February 1st, 1916?"

"15. Has any estimate been made of the amount of depreciation caused by the stoppage of work on said branch line?"

"16. What is the amount of such depreciation?"

"17. With respect to this branch line, is it a fact that only approximately fifty-five per cent. of the work has been done and approximately eighty-three per cent. of the moneys guaranteed have been released to the railway company?"

"18. If so, had the government taken any steps to secure the return of moneys so overpaid contrary to the provisions of the act?"

"19. When does the said railway company intend to complete the construction of said Victoria-Alberni branch?"

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Surplus Distributed to Policyholders	985,487	861,763	123,724 (14.3%)
Net Surplus as at December 31st.	7,545,591	6,508,794	1,036,797 (16.0%)
Total Payments to Policyholders	7,129,479	6,161,287	968,192 (15.7%)
Assurances Issued and Paid for in Cash	34,873,851	32,167,339	2,706,512 (8.4%)
Assurances in Force	257,404,160	218,999,836	38,404,325 (17.5%)

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1885	319,987.06	1,411,004.33	7,930,878.77
1896	1,528,064.09	5,305,770.53	34,754,840.25
1906	5,717,492.23	21,309,384.82	95,290,894.71
1915	15,972,672.31	74,326,423.76	257,404,160.42

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BREEZY BITS

No definite date has yet been set for the world series hockey between Portland and the winners of the Eastern championship.

Pitcher George Zabel has been turned over by Joe Thicker, of the Chicago National League club, to Los Angeles, under an optional agreement.

Joe Stecher, the sensational Nebraska grappler, last Friday night flopped three wrestling inside of half an hour. His opponents were "George" Nelson, Mike Yager and John Klonis. These men are not considered good mat men.

From Miami, Fla., comes the report that Joe Wilhoit, the former Victoria outfielder, training with the Braves, is cracking the ball hard, and is covering an acre of territory.

Billy Gilmore, the veteran member of the Ottawa Silver Seven Hockey Club, has enlisted with the Woodsman's Battalion. He has been given the rank of lieutenant. Gilmore has had considerable military experience.

Jim McCune, the well-known Ottawa carman and football player, has taken a commission in the 26th Battalion, according to a report sent out from Ottawa.

Eddie Collins, second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, and Fritz Malsel, third sacker of the New York Yankees, are among the new stockholders in the Baltimore International League club.

Dick Rudolph, star twirler of the Boston Braves, who has been coaching the Williams College baseball squad, has joined the Braves at their camp in Florida.

The lineup which Manager Bill Donovan has decided upon for his regulars are: Pipp, first base; Gedeon, second base; Peckinpaugh, short; Baker, third; Malsel, right; Magee, centre; Hieb, left.

SIR THOMAS IS HOPEFUL.

London, March 14.—Sir Thomas Lippin in a letter to the vice-commodore of the Essex Yacht Club, states that he hopes to sail in the America Cup races next year.

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SPORTING NEWS

ATTRACTIVE GAMES ON SCHEDULE TO-MORROW

Basketball Leaders Will Meet
Stiff Opposition; Locals Win on Mainland

To-morrow night's basketball matches will probably produce some of the best match play of this season. The feature attraction will be the meeting of the First Presbyterian and St. Andrew's quintettes in the Ladies' League. The former club is now leading the league with a clean slate, while the opponents have had but one defeat chalked against them. These teams will take the floor at 8:45 p.m.

Two more games are on schedule in the Ladies' League, the second attraction of the evening being the meeting of the Belmont and Reformed Episcopal teams, while the final fixture is between the Fairfields and Metro-politans. All these games will be decided in the Congregational church gymnasium.

Great interest is centred in the meeting of the First Presbyterian and Metropolitan "A" clubs in the Men's Senior League at the Y. M. C. A. The Metropolitan "B" club was originally scheduled to play the Presbyterians, but as some members of the "A" quintette are going out of the city this week end it was decided to alter the dates.

Another game in the Men's Sunday School League will be the clash between the Congress and Fairfield teams. These teams are very evenly matched and should produce brilliant basketball.

Four basketball quintettes representing the First Presbyterian church played against a like number of teams of the Chalmers Presbyterian church at Vancouver on Saturday night and almost made a clean sweep of the series, winning three of the games and losing but one.

Specially fast and close were the first two games, the result being in doubt right up to the last minute. The ladies opened the programme and commenced right away to set a fast pace. Checking was hard and close, with the result that the score was low. Play saw-sawed from end to end, and it looked as if the Victoria ladies (who have not been defeated this year) were to suffer a reverse; but they scored just before time was called, the final score being 9-8 in favor of Victoria.

The teams: Victoria—Misses B. Harkness, J. Harkness, Briggs, Hannah, Christie, Moffat and Fraser.

Vancouver—Misses J. McPhie, M. McPhie, Robertson, Stewart and Little. The intermediate game which followed was a repetition of the first, one side leading then the other. By some accurate shooting and a strong finish the Victoria boys won out by 19-14. The Chalmers five left their horses at home, the ball repeatedly doing acrobatic stunts around the edge of the basket but refusing to go in.

The teams: Victoria—Silver, Martin, Brady, Lumsden, Forbes and Barr. Vancouver—Richardson, Anderson, Thompson, N. McLean and M. McLean. The senior game was fast and furious, but the Victoria men (who have won ten straight games in their league this year) held the upper hand and the result was never in doubt. Their exhibition was a splendid one, the team work being very conspicuous while their shooting was remarkably accurate. John Goldie at centre excelled himself, keeping the Chalmers defence on the hop, while his deadly shooting was a feature of the evening. Final score, 31-20.

The teams: Victoria—Heyland, Goldie, Dawson, Hopkins and McEachren. Vancouver—Hunter, McPhail, Bailey, Cline and Allardice.

The closing game between the Victoria business men and a five from the Y. M. C. A. business men resulted in a win for the Y. men by a score of 50-14. The Victorians put up a good game, but the Y's were too fast for them.

After the games the visitors were entertained at Chalmers. On Saturday the inclement weather prevented the holding of an auto ride round the city, but the party were entertained at the Dominion theatre instead.

These games are to be annual fixtures, and the return games will be played at Victoria during Easter week end, while in the summer it is expected to arrange home and home baseball and tennis competitions.

NATIVE SONS WILL HOLD SMOKER TO-NIGHT

Post No. 1 Native Sons of British Columbia will hold an athletic smoker to-night at 8 o'clock, when the Knights of Pythias hall, North Park street, when besides three excellent boxing bouts, a good musical programme will be rendered. Such well known amateur ring artists as Leon McClusky, Al Davies, George Corke, and Gordon Gervoy will box four round exhibitions.

A special feature will be a boxing exhibition between two well known business men who were quite handy with their mitts in their early days.

Admission to the entertainment can only be obtained by being accompanied by a member of the Post No. 1 Native Sons in good standing.

IS MAKING GOOD



JOE WILHOIT

Speedy outfielder, who is making a great hit by his all-round ability at the Boston Braves' training camp in Florida. Joe is hitting the ball hard and covering plenty of ground. His only weakness appears to be his throwing arm. Wilhoit was formerly a member of the Victoria club, and was one of the most popular players in the circuit.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF N.H.A. DIRECTORS

Eastern Hockey Clubs Will Play in Boston; World Series Dates Undecided

Montreal, March 14.—A meeting of directors of the National Hockey Association was held here yesterday morning, at which decisions were taken in connection with the forthcoming Stanley cup games, the Quebec-Ottawa protest of a draw game between Canadians and Quebec six weeks ago, at Quebec, and the proposed trip to Boston early in April of three teams from the N. H. A.

President Quinn was instructed to communicate with Wm. Foran, Ottawa-Stanley cup trustee, regarding appointment of officials and dates for the games in the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League, and the N. H. A. leaders.

The directors ratified preliminary arrangements made by President Quinn and Mr. Liehtenstein, of the Wanderers, as representatives of the N. H. A., with the management of the Boston arena. Wanderers and Quebec are to play in Boston on April 4 and 6, and the runners up for the N. H. A. championship (Ottawa), will play on April 8 and 10, the winners of the Wanderer-Quebec series. It is understood the Toronto club will not be considered for the Boston trip.

It was decided that should the draw game between Canadians and Quebec, be played, the game should be played in the standing, have any bearing on the final standing, the game shall be re-played. This may give Ottawas another chance at the leadership.

FOOTBALL MEETING TO-NIGHT

A meeting of the Victoria and District Football League will be held to-night in the Foresters' hall, Broad street, at 8 o'clock, when entries will be received for the Jackson Cup competition, and arrangements made for an exhibition soccer match next Saturday.

PORTLAND TEAM LEFT FOR EAST YESTERDAY

Portland, Or., March 14.—The Portland team of the Pacific Northwest Hockey League, winner of the league championship for the season just closed, left yesterday for the East to play the world's championship series with the team winning the championship of the National Hockey Association.

The contenders in the Eastern League for world's series honors are Montreal and Ottawa, and the world's series will be played at one of those cities. The Portland team will stop en route to play an exhibition game at Minneapolis and after the series will appear in New York.

AMERICAN BOXERS WON TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Copenhagen, March 14 (via London).—American amateur pugilists were victorious in two of the three classes of the American-Danish boxing championships which were decided last night. The winners were:

One hundred and twenty-five-pound class—John Maloney, St. Rita's Catholic Club, Philadelphia.

Middleweight—John Kerpenski, of the Cleveland A. C.

Heavyweight—Valdemar Jensen, of Denmark, who defeated Wm. Spengler, of the Union Settlement, New York.

DONOVAN WILL HAVE WELL-BALANCED TEAM

Addition of Magee and Baker Responsible for Considerable Batting Strength

Macon, Ga., March 14.—Bill Donovan, with more than \$200,000 worth of baseball-buff and bone treading the tropical sea to-day, was just about ready to lead his Yankees against the best of the American league and put up a hair-raising fight for the pennant. Spring training under the glowing rays of a benevolent sun has jerked the Yankee players into real high-grade trim for the season's fray. The pitchers are going along in swinging strides and the outfield is rated one of the best balanced outer vistas in the whole American league landscape.

Money did most of it. Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston, the spend-thrift owners of the club, have disbursed at least the fifth part of a million shells for diamond serfs and results to date have been sufficient to satisfy them that their judgment was right. Toward the latter part of 1915 the Yankee owners combed the miners for talent and bought about \$100,000 worth of playing material. Not satisfied, they gave their fellow monarchs heart flutters in the last few months by contributing \$100,000 more for Lee Magee, Frank Baker, Gedeon and Schaefer, stars of the one-time Federal league. The cost of purchase was by no means the end of the Yankees' responsibility, either. The stars of the team have contracts for sums large enough to stagger most anyone but Charlie Chaplin and Charlie won't stagger the slightest stage for less than \$10,000 a week or thereabout.

Ruppert and Huston are determined to give the fans one of the best clubs that ever represented New York in the American league, is Donovan's modest comment on the Yankees' aspirations. "Price has not cut any figure with the owners. In a single year they have spent, probably, more money for players than has been spent in the rest of the club's history."

Third in the course, is Frank Baker's logical position, Donovan says, and Fitz Malsel is enthusiastic about his tentative berth in the big agricultural regions. Magee, though a second baser by trade, will carry the burden of centre station in the Yanks' outfield unless Donovan finds it impossible otherwise to plug the hole at second base. Magee, like to tell people about his temperament. In the outfield he will be able to vent his rage on the hapless grass hoppers without danger of anyone calling his hand. One of the most annoying features of Magee's St. Louis service was the persistence of certain fans in calling him Horschachmeyer, the name he played under when he was selling goat in a hinedland, Ohio, meat dispensary. No one kicked on his taking the name of Magee and he has had free use of it ever since.

Donovan expects Walter Pipp to prove a corking first baseman and his catching staff, Alexander, Nunamaker, Walters, Schwert and Smith, is one of the most promising departments in the whole aggregation. Schwert played over on the Jersey side last year, following his leap from the University of Pennsylvania. Nunamaker is the Yankee catching veteran and hits well for a backstop.

Donovan brought down a whole boat load of pitchers and hopes to cull out at least three good left-handers to balance the staff. Caldwell and Fisher likely will prove the nucleus of the pitching staff in the coming season and George Mogridge threatens to become a regular big league southpaw. Injuries kept Keating out of the game most of the 1915 season and his value this year is still a problem.

The Yanks will start north on March 25, besieged by demands for exhibition games as a result of their requirement of the Federal league stars. This is in contrast to last year's state of affairs, when the club owners called 50 fans a good-sized exhibition crowd. The Yankee opening game will be played at the Polo grounds on April 12.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS MATCHED. Centralla, March 14.—Ivan Miller, of Seattle, and Billy Weeks will box the main event of a smoker to be staged in the local armory on St. Patrick's night under the auspices of Company M, the complete programme for which was announced. In one of the preliminaries Jack Hartford will box Eddie Quinn and Ted Gomez will meet Kid Dalton in another. The third preliminary will be furnished by two members of the militia company.

BASEBALL GAME SATURDAY. Next Saturday afternoon the Beacon Hill Baseball Club, intermediate champions of the city will meet a fast nine selected from the No. 9 Platoon, No. 3 Company of the 103rd Battalion, Timber Wolves. The game will be played at Beacon Hill and will start at 3 o'clock sharp. The teams will be announced later.

GIANTS BEAT DALLAS. Dallas, Texas, March 14.—The New York Nationals defeated the Dallas Texas League team, 5 to 1, here yesterday.

PRATT'S TRIPLE WON GAME. Houston, Texas, March 14.—Pratt's triple in the seventh inning yesterday gave the St. Louis Americans a 3 to 1 victory over the Houston team of the Texas League here yesterday.

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MONROE THINKS JESS HAS GREATLY IMPROVED

Veteran Who Seconded Johnson at Havana Thinks Well of Big Champion

George Monroe, a bantamweight of prominence in the late nineties, was a most attentive witness of Willard's training stunts recently. Monroe was in "Jack" Johnson's corner at Havana when Willard ascended to the heavy-weight throne.

If any one is qualified to express an opinion it is Monroe. In years of active connection with the sport Monroe has learned to "know" a fighter and to be able to weigh in the balance the possibilities of attaining condition. He is further qualified to pass upon Willard's case because he seconded Johnson in the memorable Havana battle. But it is no easy matter to persuade George to voice an opinion in such matters. He is uncommunicative in the extreme, and it was only after untiring perseverance that he was coaxed to give vent to the following:

"Willard is a little high in flesh, but he is not as heavy—not as much overweight—as expected to find him. From all that I can learn he was pretty active all last summer, and if he took on weight, which he undoubtedly did while exercising, it is the kind of weight that will not injure him in the least."

"Jess weighed 239 pounds on the day he fought Johnson. According to his own statements he expects to weigh 245 or thereabout when he meets Moran. This means that he will be some pounds heavier than when he won the championship. I judge that Willard is 260 pounds stripped right now. It follows then that he will have to work off only 12 pounds in the eleven days of hard training left, an average of a little over a pound a day."

"That is far from being a hard task—in fact, it will not require any great amount of stiff training to take the weight off. But, of course, Willard cannot be governed altogether by the weight question alone. He has other things to think about as well, and things that are equally important. Even though Willard has boxed quite a little since acquiring the title, the boxing has been of a nature that would not tend to quicken his eye or his hands. It has been more of the light sparring variety. He must engage in boxing from now on with a view to quickening both his eye and his hands, as well as his footwork. Furthermore, he must brush up the snap to his punches."

"After watching him work I am convinced that he has improved since he fought Johnson. He is still far from being the finished boxer that Johnson was, but he is learning. He certainly shows a nice left hook in training, and seems to have mastered a pretty effective right uppercut. Both of these punches should prove troublesome to Moran."

"However, I would rather reserve any forecast on the probable outcome of the bout until I have had a chance to see both men seriously at work at a later stage in their training. I will say this, Willard cannot afford to loaf, and from what I know of Willard I am pretty sure that he won't."

V. I. A. A. CHALLENGES.

The Vancouver Island A. A. A. Basketball quintette would like to arrange a home-and-home series of games with any of the Sunday School League Clubs, the league leading First Presbyterian five preferred.

GAMES ARE CANCELLED.

Athens, March 14.—The Pan-Hellenic Olympic games have been cancelled owing to the mobilization of the Greek army.

BRETTON TO PLAY SEMI-PRO.

Chicago, March 14.—Jimmy Bretton, former Sox player, has been signed by the Beloit, Wis., Fairbanks-Morse semi-professional baseball team to play third base. Bretton is the property of the Salt Lake Coast League team.

The 61st Battalion of Winnipeg successfully defended the Allan cup in the first match against Fort William Saturday night, defeating the challengers 4 to 1.

"I haven't had any address for the last few months, so the authorities have overlooked me. I'd like to join all right, but the missus can't spare me. I'm a bit of a fisherman, and I play the concertina. Now, what sort of an armlet do I get?"—Punch.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Public Enthusiasm Over Soccer.

Enthusiasm over soccer is keyed up to a high pitch as the result of the sensational game played on Saturday last between the Western Scots and Victoria West. Interest in the game this season was not nearly so great as in former years owing to the conditions brought on by the war, but after seeing the turnout at last Saturday's match, it begins to look as though the game has recovered all its lost prestige, and that the Jackson Cup competition, which will open in about two weeks' time, will be the most interesting series of matches ever played in Victoria.

Will Homerun Baker Miss Collins?

Now that Frank Baker has passed from the control of Manager Mack, and his future provided for with the New York Yankees, a passing question is in order. Will Baker be as effective as he was when lined up in the Athletics' batting order with the brilliant little Eddie Collins?

It must be admitted that Baker is a clean, natural hitter, without nerves and possessed of good judgment at the bat. However, some of the leading players of the country have frequently expressed the thought that the mighty Baker would not have been nearly so effective without Collins preceding him in the batting order.

During the years that Baker was creating such havoc with American league twirlers he came to bat 1674 "great" percentage of his turns with Eddie Collins adorning first or second base. Those who know the difficulty of pitching with Collins on base, can readily understand that the pitcher facing Baker was only 59 per cent efficient under such conditions.

Collins was not only a remarkable base stealer, but he had a mannerism on the base paths that was extremely distracting to the pitcher. It is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that when pitted against Baker with Collins on base, the pitcher was never able to concentrate upon his pitching in the manner necessary to dispose of a hard, free-swinging batter of the Baker type.

There is one point that will be strongly in Baker's favor in New York and that is that the Yankees will play their home games in the Polo Grounds, where for a distance of probably forty feet the right field stand projects into fair ground at a distance no greater than the Phillies' right field fence. For a man of Baker's right field hitting ability, this may produce an unusual crop of home runs.

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CRICKET SEASON WILL *OPEN EARLY IN MAY

A very enthusiastic throng of cricket
followers congregated at the Christ
Church Cathedral schoolroom on Sat-
urday night, the event being the an-
nual general meeting of the Victoria
and District Cricket League to make
preparation for the carrying on of the
John Virtue Cup competition, despite
the conditions brought on by the war.

Seven clubs were represented by
delegates, while the Very Rev. Dean
Scheldt, who is an enthusiastic fol-
lower of cricket, was also present.
Competition for the Virtue cup was
definitely decided, and a schedule of
matches will be drawn up at the next
general meeting on April 12. Satur-
day, May 6, is the date set for the
opening matches.

The following officers were elected
for the ensuing year. Honorary pres-
ident, John Virtue, donor of the trophy,
for which the team will compete. Pres-
ident, P. C. Payne; vice-president, E.
P. Ward; secretary treasurer, H. S.
Radcliffe; auditor, E. Locke.

Pythian Sisters.—The Pythian Sisters
will hold a dance on March 14
(Friday) in the K. of P. hall. Invita-
tions may be had from Mr. Burde at
Kirkham's. The 11th C. M. R. will
supply the orchestra.

MUST FAVORABLE IMPRESSION.

Washington, March 14.—The state
department was advised to-day by its
representative with Mexican Foreign
Secretary Aduca that the reply made
by the United States in regard to the
reciprocal arrangement for the pas-
sage of troops across the border had
created "a most favorable impression."

"You seem very much impressed by
all these explanations I have been giv-
ing you about banking and currency."
"Yes, Charlie dear," replied Mrs. Tor-
kine. "It seems perfectly wonderful
that anybody could know as much as
you do about money without having
any."

We judge others according to results,
not knowing the process by which results
are arrived at.—George Eliot.

LITTLE GIRL WAS DROWNED IN FRASER

Two Men, Woman, Two Boys,
Girl and Baby
Saved

New Westminster, March 14.—A
drowning accident in which one little
girl lost her life and an entire family
narrowly escaped the same fate, took
place about one mile south of New
Westminster when a launch, contain-
ing Richard Young, of Sunbury, his
wife and baby, his two small boys,
aged six and eight, and two girls, two
and four, respectively, struck a snag
in the Fraser river and began to fill.

Young, taking the children into a
punt, which was trailing behind the
launch, started for shore, but here
again they met difficulty when the
punt hit a snag and capsized in the
icy waters of the Fraser.

Young and the six-year-old boy
clung to the snag, while the girls were
swept away with the younger brother,
Eileen, the four-year-old child, was
drowned. Her body, still dressed in a
little red dress, was found later on the
beach at Steveston, and was taken in
charge by Andrew Waddell, chief of
police at that point.

The other two children floated down
stream for almost one-fourth of a mile
and were cast upon some floating
branches near shore and rescued.

The launch also contained a laborer
named Berg, and when he saw the
punt capsize he boldly plunged into
the river. He made his way to shore
after he had attended to the rescue of
Young and the boy on the snag, being
the only one of the party who could
swim. Mrs. Young and the babe in her
arms were landed on the shore by the
force of the current.

MAXIMILIAN HARDEN CRYING FOR PEACE

German Writer Perceives His
Country's Prospects Grow
Worse as Time Passes

London, March 14.—Maximilian Har-
den is most outspoken in an article in
Die Zukunft, copies of which have
been received here. He makes a strong
plea for peace and urges that the
German government start negotiations
immediately.

"Germany," he says, "has heaped
victory on victory. Upon her, there-
fore, devolves the duty of making an
offer of peace. Such an offer could
only add to, and not diminish, her
prestige. It would be proof of her
strength, not weakness."

"Besides, Germany must propose
peace because she is in need of peace.
Germany is victorious in the field, but
internally she is beset with difficulties.
We can not deny that the preparations
for the third harvest are more difficult
than for the second. We do not yet
lack men, but we can no longer pro-
cure war materials."

"If Germany waits longer she will
find herself reduced to obey the will
of her enemies. It thus becomes neces-
sary that she invite the world to con-
clude peace. This invitation may be
interpreted as a sign of weakness, but
that matters little. If our offers be
declined we shall have fulfilled the
duty which our conscience dic-
tates toward Europe and toward
humanity."

STATES WILL ADD 19,477 MEN TO ARMY

Washington, March 14.—A joint re-
solution authorizing the president to
bring the regular army up to full
strength by adding 19,477 men to the
existing organizations was passed in
the House late to-day without objec-
tion or debate and with only one dis-
senting vote.

TO BUENOS AYRES.

Washington, March 14.—The arrival
of the cruiser Tennessee at Port au
Prince, Hayti, last Saturday, was
reported to-day to the state department.
The American delegation aboard,
which is headed by Secretary McAdoo,
was received by the Haytian president
and continued on the voyage to Buenos
Ayres to join the international high
commission.

EXODUS OF AMERICANS FROM MEXICO CONTINUES

Laredo, Tex., March 14.—The exodus
of Americans from Mexico continued
through this part to-day. Many more
employees of the American Smelting &
Refining Company from Matichula, San
Luis Potosi, were due late to-day.
Many wealthy Mexicans accompanied
the Americans and are leaving because
of the unsettled conditions in the re-
public.

AMNER ARRIVES.

St. John, N. B., March 14.—On the
C. P. R. steamship Montreal, which
arrived here to-day, was King George's
Derby stallion Amner, which has ma-
jesty has presented to the Dominion
government. The horse arrived in
good condition.

UNITED STATES NEUTRAL.

Washington, March 14.—President
Wilson to-day signed a proclamation
giving notice of the neutrality of the
United States in the state of war be-
tween Germany and Portugal. This
proclamation follows the text of the
others.

PROHIBITION IN MANITOBA JUNE 1

People Voted Yesterday Two
to One; Winnipeg Gave
a Majority

Winnipeg, March 14.—The returns re-
ceived up to 1 p. m. to-day give a ma-
jority of just over two to one in favor
of the Manitoba Temperance Act, the
figures being: For, 49,350; against,
24,571; majority for the act, 24,779.

Of the 46 constituencies, two in the
stipulations of Churchill and Nelson, and
Grand Rapids, have failed to report at
all, being cut off from all communica-
tion except by dog-team, but the fig-
ures will not affect the total result, the
vote in those areas being insignificant.

Of the remaining 44 constituencies, 30
have reported complete though unof-
ficial results. The following 14 consti-
tuencies are more or less incomplete:
Carleton, Emerson, Gilbert Plains,
Gimli, Gladstone, La Verendrye, Le
Pas, Morden and Rhineland, Mountain,
Rockwood, St. Clements, St. George,
St. Rose and Swan River. At present
it is a neck-and-neck race as to whether
the "drys" will secure a straight
two-to-one victory over their oppo-
nents, and the result depends on these
incomplete returns. Otherwise there
can be no question as to the over-
whelming nature of the vote.

The "wet" majority in North Win-
nipeg has been reduced to nine and the
"dry" majority for the three Winnipeg
constituencies combined is 4,586. In
the rural ridings, the majorities for
prohibition reach three, four and even
five to one.

Constituencies For Against
Assiniboia 1128 643
Arthur 681 849
Brandon City 1549 1210
Birtle 803 155
Beautiful Plains 1287 1174
Carleton (incomplete) dry
majority 281
Cypress 845 198
Dauphin 1036 378
Deloraine 1094 192
Dufferin 1197 420
Elmwood 1595 1373
Emerson (incomplete) 51 375
Gilbert Plains (incom-
plete) 892 261
Gimli (incomplete) 696 254
Glenwood 897 236
Gladstone (incomplete) 516 236
Hamiota 1158 196
Herville 316 228
Kilburny 782 181
Kildonan and St. An-
drews 1467 1088
Landsdowne 124 205
Lakeland 634 250
La Verendrye (incom-
plete) 291 158
Le Pas (incomplete) 196 70
Morden and Rhineland
(incomplete) 822 519
Morris 728 428
Manitow 1107 318
Mountain (incomplete) 1280 242
Minnedosa 1151 379
Norfolk 854 217
Portage la Prairie 712 404
Rockwood (incomplete) 922 522
Russell 900 406
Roblin 652 143
St. Boniface (incomplete) 971 1020
St. Clements (incomplete) 455 214
St. George 264 212
St. John (incomplete) 516 215
Swan River (incomplete) 566 262
Turtle Mountain (incom-
plete) 647 198
Virden 1197 353
Winnipeg centre (one poll
to come) 6116 4339
Winnipeg north 2754 2763
Winnipeg south 5224 265

Up to noon the totals were: For the
Manitoba Temperance Act, 49,182;
against, 24,505; majority for prohibition,
24,677.

Under the act all bars, wholesale
licensees throughout the province will
be done away with from June 1, next.
Liquor still may be imported by pri-
vate persons from outside points, and
the manufacture of liquor in the pro-
vince for export will still be permitted.
Winnipeg is first city of its size on
the continent to go dry on its own
vote.

ITALIAN FORCES ON OFFENSIVE NOW ON THE ISONZO FRONT

Berlin, March 14.—The Italians have
developed a strong offensive against
the Austrians on the Isonzo front,
according to the Austrian headquarters
report of to-day, received here. They
have made attacks with large forces
on the Austrian lines, and in each case
were repulsed, it is claimed.

NEW YORK CURE PRICES.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Bld. Asked
Ann. Marconi 8 1
Buffalo 8 1
Can. Car Foundry 64 68
Do, pref. 81 85
Can. Copper 14 14
Can. Marconi 1 1
Crown Reserve 40 45
Daly West 34 35 1/2
Dome Mines 25 25 1/2
Em. Phone 11 12
Hedley Gold 11 12
Hollinger 28 30
Kerr Lake 32 37
La Rose 65 70
Mines of Am. 24 28
Nipissing 11 13
Standard Lead 11 13
Stewart 45 45
Steel of Can. 42 42
Success 85 85
Tonapah 61 62
Tukon 29 29

NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, March 14.—Raw sugar firm;
centrifugal, 4 1/2; molasses, 11 1/2; refined
firm.

METAL MARKET.

New York, March 14.—The metal ex-
change quotes lead 7 1/2 bid. Spelter not
quoted. Copper quiet; electrolytic, near-
by, 25 1/2; June and later, 25 1/2; 50 lb.
from steady and unchanged. Tin quiet;
spot offered at 35 1/2.

Men are never so likely to settle a ques-
tion rightly as when they discuss it free-
ly.—Macaulay.

HAULTAIN COMMISSION SAT AT REGINA TO-DAY

Regina, March 14.—The Haultain
commission, which is to deal with the
charges regarding the contracts for the
construction of the Regina jail and the
Battleford asylum and matters in con-
nection with the telephone department,
held a sitting this morning at which
provisionary arrangements were made.
Chief Justice Sir Frederick Haultain
presided, with Mr. Justice Newlands
and Mr. Justice Lamont sitting. The
chief justice announced that the actual
work of the commission would begin
on April 12 and sittings would con-
tinue until the end of the month, when
a further adjournment, if necessary,
would be taken. J. P. Bryant, who,
with Frank Turnbull, appeared to
represent J. E. Bradshaw, member for
Prince Albert, will present a written
statement of the documents he desires
tabled. H. Y. Macdonald, K. C., ap-
peared to represent Hon. A. P. McNab
and Hon. George Bell, the ministers
named in the charges.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 14.—Wheat closed
up to the same, with May at 19 1/2 and
July at 19 1/2. May oats closed at 12 and
July at the same figure. Flax closed
down 1/2 to 10, at 26 for May and 26 1/2
for July. A dull scalp market closed
a little higher without interest. Gen-
eral trade was quiet, with a few orders
in the morning, the trade was lifeless. There
was little export trade, only one firm re-
porting anything and that confined to a
few lead. The cash trade was dull and
devoid of interest. The market was
better prices in the spring. Some inter-
ests took a little out of the pit for ship-
ment to Eastern mills by all-rail to-day,
but otherwise there was little done. There
is a good enough demand, but little of-
fered. The spreads were unchanged from
yesterday.

WHEAT—

May 19 1/2
July 19 1/2
Barley—
May 41 1/2
July 41 1/2
Flax—
May 26
July 26 1/2
Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 19 1/2; 2 Nor.,
18 1/2; 3 Nor., 18 1/2; No. 4, 18 1/2; No. 5, 18 1/2;
feed, 8 1/2; 1 feed, 3 1/2; 2 feed, 3 1/2;
Barley—No. 3, 60; No. 4, 55; rejected, 51;
feed, 81.
Flax—1 N. W. C., 20 1/2; 2 C. W., 20 1/2.

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.)
Montreal, March 14.—To-day's local
market continued upward with increased
activity in all departments. The steel
group was by far the most active, with
Nova Scotia Steel common scoring a sub-
stantial advance. Quite a lot of stuff
came out in Steel of Canada common
around 41, which is a point over yester-
day's final quotation. The power in-
dustries and Can. Car Foundry are becoming
quite active and closed strong. Amca
Holdings was a strong feature, it be-
ing reported that the company had se-
cured an order from the Canadian gov-
ernment for shoes.

Dominion War Loan to-day sold at 97 1/2.
High Low Close
Ames Holden 22 1/2 23 1/2 23 1/2
Bell Telephone 17 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2
Brazilian Trac 54 A
C. P. R. 167 B
Can. Cement, com. 48 48 48
Do, pref. 91 91 91
Can. S. & C. com. 17 B
Do, pref. 75 B
Can. Locomotive 61 61 61
Can. Car Fdy. com. 52 52 52
Do, pref. 98 A
Can. Cotton, com. 38 B
Holl. Const. Co. 71 71 71
Crown Reserve 42 42 42
Can. Gen. Elec. 112 112 112
Cons. M. & S. 151 B
Detroit United 89 89 89
Holl. Const. Co. 71 71 71
Dom. Canners 45 45 45
Dom. I. & S. 45 45 45
Hla. Trac 61 A
Mackay Co. 80 B
Montreal Power 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2
Lloy Const. Co. 71 71 71
Laurentide Co. 184 184 184
N. S. Steel, com. 104 104 104
Ogilvie Flour Co. 130 B
Tuscon Power 129 A
Pumana, Ltd. 60 60 60
Quebec Railway 16 16 16
Shawinigan 131 131 131
Steel of Can., com. 42 42 42
Textile 78 78 78
Trotter-Hallway 111 A
Twin City 95 95 95
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Liverpool 50 1/2 higher.

DECLINE CHECKED IN PIT WHEAT FUTURES

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, March 14.—While wheat futures
seemed unable to recover substantially
the May price closed fractionally higher
than previously. Bearishness as reflected
by present factors was at a point over yester-
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ADDS RIDER TO PLAN OF DIRECT ELECTION

Council Debates Principle of Commission-Control of Police Business in Municipality

The city council last evening, by a majority vote, added to its expressed opinion in favor of the direct election of police and license commissioners, an opinion how those commissioners should be chosen, as indicated in a report drawn up by a special committee appointed a week ago. The committee having the matter in hand submitted a report favoring the election of four commissioners, chosen at the same time as the annual municipal election, under the presidency of the mayor, such commissioners to control both license and police affairs, and to be known as the Board of Police Commissioners.

A Progressive Move.
Alderman Todd moved the adoption of the report "as a move in the right direction." He thought the best method would be to have the people select the men most fitted for the office. It was particularly desirable, in his opinion, that the two boards should be combined, because at present there were a number of matters which overlapped.

His plan, suggested methods by which the opinion of the people on principles like enrichment, could be obtained, by permitting candidates to offer also for license and police commissioner. The policy of continuous service would be perpetuated by the system of retiring its personnel alternately.

The mayor observed that the name ought to comprise both police and license commission.

Alderman Johns supported the report, which he had helped to draft, and said it would remove the selection from party politics. He believed the term "police" commissioners covered all that was necessary.

Alderman Walker maintained that the council had already gone on record in favor of direct election of commissioners, and the matter was one for the legislature.

Alderman Bell said the idea of combining the two bodies was Alderman Todd's own, and the first time it had been advanced in this province. Still he believed that the system of direct election, argued and endorsed by council two weeks ago was the best, and the wisest act of the council would be to reaffirm that principle. The policy of the Union of B. C. Municipalities had been favorable to direct election, and a new method at this late hour would be ill-considered and unjust. He thought that perhaps the best policy would be to stand by the principle of the union, and not add to the expression of opinion already forwarded.

The mayor did not disagree with the principle of combining the two authorities, a proposal which he thought had merit.

Alderman Peden spoke in favor of direct legislation, and objected a change of front on the matter. He thought the principles of the report might rightly go to the union executive.

"Court of Last Resort."
Alderman McNeill was a strong believer in the principle of direct election, and no purpose would be achieved by re-affirming the principle. The government, as responsible for the administration of justice, was entitled to representation, but the city, as paying the bill, should be the court of last resort to determine the amount to be paid. Perhaps the committee was prophetic in its idea of dropping the term "license" from the name, (laughter), but prohibition had not come yet.

Alderman Todd outlined the circumstances which had led up to the present recommendation. He claimed that the report was merely supplemental to the resolution already adopted by council at the request of the Nanaimo city council.

Alderman Dilworth argued that the name "police and license" commissioners should be adopted. He doubted if the discussion was in order in view of the resolution already adopted. Alderman Porter denied that the appointments, so far as Victoria is concerned, had been political.

Alderman Fullerton said from his experience of the municipal committee of the legislature, its personnel was generally composed in recent years of men entirely ignorant of municipal affairs, and they needed advice. If only they could be persuaded to take it. He considered that the license business after all was secondary to the police business, for the license inspectors themselves were controlled by the chief of police. He did, however, think the report should be amended to provide for the final arbitration of cost to lie with the council.

Alderman Bell said the question was revolutionary in its effect, and the idea suggested would not be adopted by the government.

An Amendment.
Alderman McNeill then moved, and Alderman Todd seconded, an amendment to the report to add that the annual estimate of expenditure should be subject to the approval of the city council.

Alderman Cameron, speaking both from the municipal standpoint, and from that of a former member of the House, said it would be better to stay by proposals of the Union of B. C. Municipalities. The impression prevailed across the bay that Victoria was always asking for special treatment, and that a private act was required seemed inevitable, as the city outgrew the scope of the Municipal Act. He went on to show how political appointments had marked the nomination of commissioners, and he admitted that his own appointment as a police commissioner had been a great surprise in view of his well known sympathies.

He would like to see the government

adopt the principle of the report, but he was not very hopeful.

The council adopted by eight votes to three the motion to adopt the report of the committee. An amendment of Alderman Bell, which favored sending the report to the union executive, was defeated. The clerk was instructed to send the motion forward to the government.

TO REQUEST PUBLIC LETTER FROM CAPTAIN

Mayor Again Gives Reason for With-holding, From Public Communications, From Public

The mayor refused to be "drawn" by the aldermen last evening on the question of the Worswick letters. His worship showed that no good purpose could be served by making public the part of the letters from Captain Worswick which were of a personal character. He contradicted the delicate insinuation that the representative of this paper had stolen the letter from which the extracts appeared, which was published in the Times last week. He had shown the letter to the Times representative because the Victoria Times was expressly mentioned in it. The remainder of the letter, he said, was no one else's business.

Alderman Todd's motion requesting his worship to lay before the aldermen the letters from Captain Worswick, at a meeting to be held on March 24, at which the prosecutor would be present for the purpose of deciding whether further action should be taken on the matter.

Eventually this motion was laid on the table, and the city clerk was directed to write to Captain Worswick a letter prepared in consultation with the mayor and solicitor, asking for a statement which might be made public or kept private as the council should decide.

Alderman Peden, a member of the 1911 council, was assured by the mayor that there was no insinuation in the letter against him or against Alderman Fullerton. The evidence which he had, the mayor observed, was all second hand, and an investigation under present circumstances would be valueless.

Alderman Dilworth and Todd thought that as part of the letter had been made public, the whole of it should be disclosed, but his worship answered that argument by observing: "How can you dictate to a man what character his letter shall take?"

Alderman Porter and Walker considered that the information before the council was too vague. Investigations, said the former, generally left matters worse; reflections being cast on character which could not be explained away.

The council then agreed to a request for a formal statement from Captain Worswick on the matter. Some discussion took place concerning the payment of the sum of \$1,650 to Mr. Shanks, Selkirk avenue, for damage done to his house by blasting operations in connection with the construction of the northwest sewer.

The aldermen thought that the amount of compensation was high. It was explained that the house cost \$6,700 to build. It had been situated at the mouth of a sewer tunnel, and every blast had shaken the place, till the foundations were dislodged, plaster broken, and various estimates of the city officials had placed the cost of restoring it from \$1,500 to \$1,800. Mr. Shanks wanted \$2,000, and the city offered \$1,500. The amount recommended was a compromise to avoid arbitration proceedings. The item passed.

The council was informed in a number of letters from members of the Federal House to the mayor that the removal of troops to a great concentration camp at Seville, Manitoba, this summer has never had any official authority. The messages came in reply to correspondence sent on by the mayor deprecating any movement of troops from British Columbia.

A suggestion to divert the Rock Bay bridge, so that it would run directly north and south, came from George Jeeves. The letter was forwarded to the harbor committee.

SAANICH BEACHES

Effort Will Be Made to Have Joint Committee Meet at Early Date.

At the meeting of the works committee of the Saanich council this afternoon, the question of the beaches in the district is being raised. Councillor Borden, who is the representative on the joint beaches committee, is to be asked by his colleagues to endeavor to have the joint committee called together, so that some plans for the coming summer season may be formulated.

Saanich has the two largest beaches in the district, although they are not so easily accessible as the Willows and Fowl Bay beaches, and as they are used almost exclusively by city people, the co-operation of the city is absolutely necessary. An application for assistance in providing accommodation at Cadboro Bay has already been made to the city, and there is already some provision at Cordova Bay, although it may require supplementing. Since last year the beach from Cowichan Head to Saanichton Bay has been opened by the construction of Telegraph road, this being one of the finest beaches on the Saanich peninsula, although requiring some effort to reach from the city.

Very little will be done this year with the new Sluggert Park, on Saanich Arm.

The principal business before the committee to-day concerns the consideration of the estimates.

One drop of petrol will kill a wasp instantly, but if applied to a bee or a fly, it will be quite ineffective.

LETTER BOX

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

SIZE OF LOAF.

To the Editor: I would like to protest against any attempt to reduce the weight of the loaf or lower the quality thereof. I might say the loaf I am being supplied with has recently been marked "14 ozs." I don't know with what accuracy the bakers generally tried to make an undue profit out of the people's food, and the bakers who attended the city council last week appear to be actuated by the same consideration. Whatever you do, they say, you must not entrench on our profits; let the consumer bear the whole cost. The delegates further complained of regulations by which they were bound, but let us remember these regulations are founded on experience. As well might the prisoner who has attached the warder complain later of being manacled. I notice a Mr. Shelly made a dramatic production of the size of cigarettes before and after the higher taxation, but I think the man who can draw an analogy between tobacco, which is a luxury, and bread, which is the staff of life, must have something wanting in his make up. If the bakers have been so hard hit, may I ask for the name of a single baker who has lately become insolvent? The filings of the Gazette reveal the names of many other tradesmen, but I cannot find any bakers. I suppose the next thing will be the dairymen asking leave to dilute the milk.

C. B. S. PHELAN.

POSITION HOPELESS.

To the Editor.—The Week in its last issue suggests calling a convention to deal with the present government's undoing. The idea is perfectly right and proper, but here's the but: You couldn't muster a corporal's guard. I have been a delegate from one portion or other of British Columbia conventions from the start. I looked forward to these gatherings of the brainiest men of the party, many of them friends of days gone by. The Revelstoke convention, over three years ago, is one of my cherished memories—in fact, every one except the last one, two years ago, in Victoria. Here's where the machine took hold for the first time in our conventions. When the farce was over we looked at one another and asked the question: "What did we foregather for?" But there was no answer except this: "My last appearance, I'll swear." Shortly before that the machine had been tried out in the islands by election. It worked to perfection and has been working ever since. There is only one thing to be done—clean the machine and all its manipulators out root and branch; give the Liberals the helm for a few years. By that time the honest Conservatives may once again resume their position. The thing is too rank to patch up.

OLD TIME CONSERVATIVE.

AFTER THE WAR.

To the Editor.—When reading an editorial in the Colonist of today under the above heading, it occurred to me what hypocrisy, not using the term in any offensive way, but referring to us all who live in this country of British Columbia and allow the foolish policy of letting the Chinese come in and take the bread out of our mouths and then tax the people to inaugurate extensive public works to provide employment, as advocated in the article referred to. It also says the question is a strictly non-political one. This is always the case when our esteemed friend talks upon labor questions. It looks as if the Chinese question is a hornet's nest they are always afraid of waking up. This letter will, I suppose, bring out the old story, that our present government has no power in the matter, or else it's a bad time to bring up racial questions, etc.

But why don't the government try and be men just for once, when such a vital question as employment for our returning soldiers is to be considered and look at the question fair and square. Our friend the Chinese also says while a certain proportion of the disabled men will no doubt be ready to go out upon farms if the conditions are made favorable, how is it possible to make conditions favorable with the

Chinese to compete against, both in the labor and sales markets? Our friend says it is a matter of prime importance and its full and free discussion should not be long delayed. Talk won't provide work for the brave fellows when they come back after the war, but proper action by the government of British Columbia on the Chinese question would go a long way to help them out, and we sincerely hope it will have their prompt and very careful consideration.

A. B. BERNARD.

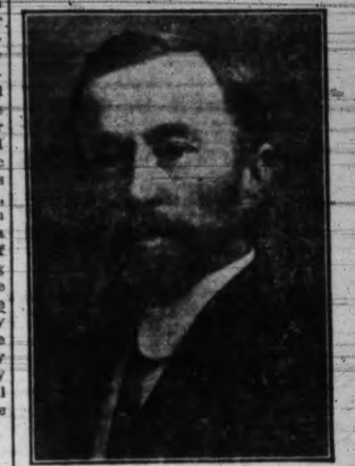
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HAD SPLENDID YEAR

Annual Statement of Sun Life Assurance Company Shows Envious Record Has Been More Than Maintained.

It is evident from the annual statement of the Sun Life of Canada for 1915, essential features of which appear elsewhere in this issue, that the big Montreal company has more than kept pace with the improvement in general business conditions evidenced throughout the year.

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FREDERICK G. COPE

Secretary of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

ance Companies in amount of new assurances issued, total assurances in force, assets, surplus and income. Assurances for \$34,873,851 were issued and paid for in cash during the past year, constituting a record for all Canadian companies to date, and bringing Sun Life Assurances in force to the total of \$57,404,160. Business issued in Canada showed an increase of \$1,746,961 over the record for 1914. Something of the phenomenal growth of the company in recent years is indicated by the fact that assurances in force have nearly doubled in the past six years, and have more than trebled in the past eleven years.

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STOCKBREEDERS HEAR INTERESTING TALKS

Dr. S. F. Tominie, Dean Klinck and F. B. Ward Address Convention

Yesterday afternoon the Stockbreeders' Association, now in convention at the Empress hotel, listened to three very interesting addresses. Dr. S. F. Tominie, Dominion live stock commissioner, and vice-president of the association, spoke early in the afternoon, and told at some length of the work of the Western Live Stock Union, the objects of which were to improve markets and transportation, promote legislation favoring the live stock industry, and represent and promote live stock interests wherever possible. The union was formed in 1913, but had already justified its existence, having succeeded in getting lower shipping rates, while the matter of ear-disinfection and the removal of the proposed tariff on men traveling in charge of stock-cars were being brought up before the railway commission at its next sitting.

The speaker took up some of the considerations which were discussed at the recent meeting of American live stock men at El Paso, Texas, a convention which he had attended as a delegate from the Western Live Stock Union. Of particular interest to Canadian growers as well as American had been the decision of that meeting that market fluctuations no longer depended on the old law of supply and demand. All had agreed that the producer was not getting his share of the returns. Steps were being taken to cope with the situation by letting the consumer know the price paid to the producer and by other means, as it was obvious that the fault lay with the packing houses, which were growing rich while the live stock grower was losing money. Exports from the United States were considerably less in 1915 than in the previous year, and imports heavier, and despite this the producers in that country were getting 8 per cent. less for their stock. The consumption in beef, no doubt due to the heavy prices, was over 10 per cent. less despite an increased population. And when the powerful packing concerns were fined by the government for an infringement of the laws in the States they made up the amount by dropping the price paid by them to the producers.

Dr. Tominie urged organization among the growers. By such measures only could they prepare to carry out a policy for better markets and transportation. And in encouraging the live stock industry and placing it on a sound basis the stock breeders would be serving not only the present but the future generations of this country.

British Columbia needed more cattle, more knowledge on the part of the farmer in order to bring the industry to the place which it ought to occupy in a province so large and so well suited to the industry. With these things the growers might expect to export on a much larger scale than at present. The position of the Argentine was a producer was briefly touched upon. Dr. Tominie stated that at Sir Charles's time the republic was producing about 25 cattle against the United States 19 to the square mile. And her quality of stock was good. She was paying the highest prices of any country in the world for pedigree stock.

In conclusion Dr. Tominie said a few words of commendation to the work being carried on by Dr. J. G. Rutherford, president of the Live Stock Union.

Dean Klinck speaks.

"Crop Improvement" was the subject of a long talk given before the Institute by Dean Klinck of the B. C. University, who used charts and photographs to illustrate the results and methods of research carried on at the Agricultural College at St. Anna. Research work was not usually appreciated, the speaker pointed out. This was owing to the fact that the majority failed to see the value of the application of discovered principles.

Methods following in the improvement of small grains, alfalfa, clover, beans, etc., were described in some detail, and the speaker emphasized the fact to be successful in livestock work the farmer should study crops.

Charts showing the system of selecting individual plants on the basis of their performance record were shown, and the speaker defined the method used by agricultural students for detecting whether differences in plants were due to difference in the soil or difference in the plant itself. More importance attached to the performance record of a plant than to its pedigree, and there was nothing to be gained by getting a large number of new varieties unless any of these new varieties outyielded any other variety.

Nine years, it was stated by the speaker, were required in grain breeding to prove whether the variety of grain was better in yielding capacity than other varieties.

Selection of grains came in for a lengthy description, and one interesting slide showed the best plant isolated from among one million individuals. The significance of breeding corn for certain food purposes was also described, and in this connection Professor Klinck pointed out some of the evils of over-cultivation of crops which often resulted in insufficient roots for the support of the plant.

Experiments that had been carried on in connection with alfalfa were described, and pictures thrown on the screen testified to the superior endurance and vigor of the Grimm variety. Clovers and grasses were next dealt with, and attention called to the very common mistake made by farmers in getting common clover seed from the seed merchant instead of the mammoth clover seed for which they asked. Many though, consequently, that they

had grown mammoth when they had really grown common clover. Other crops, such as the soil bean and the root crop (mangel-worms, carrots, etc.) were treated of by the speaker before he concluded his address.

A third speaker during the afternoon was F. B. Ward, of Douglas Lake, whose subject was "Stock Raising on the Range." That the usable range areas were considerably less than a few years ago in this province was stated by the speaker, who informed the stockmen that they could no longer depend on keeping their cattle out during the winter. There were many weeks when it was absolutely necessary to feed all the livestock, and the farmer who grew quantities of feed together with his livestock farming was in a much better position on account of this than the man who simply bred stock and had to buy his winter feed.

Something of the extent of the Douglas Lake Cattle Company's interests was told, Mr. Ward stating that there were at present more than 10,000 head of cattle at the ranch.

FIRST ROCKS FALL IN BIG LANDSLIDE

Thus London Advertiser Comments on Recent Liberal Victories in This Province

Under the caption, "Victoria's Victory," the London Advertiser comments editorially on the election of Mr. Brewster as follows:

"Conservative papers like the Toronto World foresee the passing of the Conservative Legislature of British Columbia in the election soon to be held. The Liberals have been fighting for years against the solid front of a party that has regarded this rich western province as a private preserve for exploitation. To-day the Liberals have two members, elected in the last week by overwhelming majorities. A week ago there was no Liberal in the House. The Conservatives still have a majority of 28 in the legislature, but it would seem that it holds this power on the sufferance of the people.

"The Liberals have fought a hard, forlorn hope in British Columbia. Corruption is difficult to reveal, when there is the weakest kind of opposition machine. Honest officials are powerless to act, and the evil must fall of its own weight.

"Just as the victory in Peel was a victory for the people, so is that in Victoria a victory for public opinion. The Liberals win in that the people are ready to repose their trust in the party, but the non-political desire to punish evil-doing is the all-pervading motive. Liberalism has paved the way, by the long fight and determined exposure, carried on by such papers as the Vancouver Star, and the first rocks in the landslide have fallen. The sweep cannot be held back now. Liberalism will triumph at the next provincial election.

"Old-fashioned wrath was emptied upon the head of Premier Bowser by Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, son of Sir Charles Tupper, and a determined fighter for the Liberals in the present campaign. It has been said that Sir Charles has come over to the Liberals body and soul; at any rate, he was with them when he said: 'I ask Conservatives to drive from power this government, which has disgraced the province, and which has been the servile tool of adventurers. I ask Conservatives to defeat every minister of Bowser who shows his head.'

Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, whatever his affiliations may be in the future, stands out a patriotic Canadian, whose attitude will never be forgotten, and whose example should inspire men of both parties to speak out against wrong-doing. His attack upon the Bowser government must be read as the revolt of a strong party man, whose defection would occur only after such things had happened as crumpled his party convictions.

"That party has been weak. It can only again become strong by the drastic action of men like Sir Charles. It has scorned to listen to the voice of opposition. Though the Liberal party in 1911 secured 625,102 votes, as against 668,594 votes for the Conservative party, it has been given no voice in the country's affairs. Patronage has ruled the war service of this country. A graceful thing would have been an invitation for co-operation by the Liberals, such as was given in the old land, but the Conservatives became a law unto themselves, and denied Liberalism its right to protest against wrong-doing. The answer to public opinion is being given each time an election is held.

MUST PAY TAXES

Application for Exemption of Gorge Park From Taxation Refused by Equimait Council.

An application for exemption of taxation on the Gorge park for one year was made by the B. C. Electric Company to the Equimait council last night by letter. The ground was taken by the company that whereas the park is practically a public utility, its maintenance falls entirely on the company. It was contended also that the transportation benefits were less than before owing to the competition of jitneys. The councilors did not grant the request. They considered the company had benefited already by the lowering of the tax, and it was impossible to abolish it.

The maintenance of the park this year will come heavier than formerly because of the very great damage done at the time of the snowstorm. The wind throughout the park were broken down, the dance pavilion roof fell in through the weight of snow upon it, the slides burst out, and the hardwood floor was wrecked. Other light structures about the park suffered.

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note, the magistrate remanded the accused till to-morrow. Boyle explained that he had secured employment on a transport and wanted to get away as soon as possible. He was willing to offer restitution, and had made arrangements with the shipping master for repayment of the lost money.

Every duty which is bidden to wait returns with seven fresh duties at its back—Charles Kingsley.

After hearing John Boyle's statement on the charge of misappropriating the proceeds of a fine Bank of England